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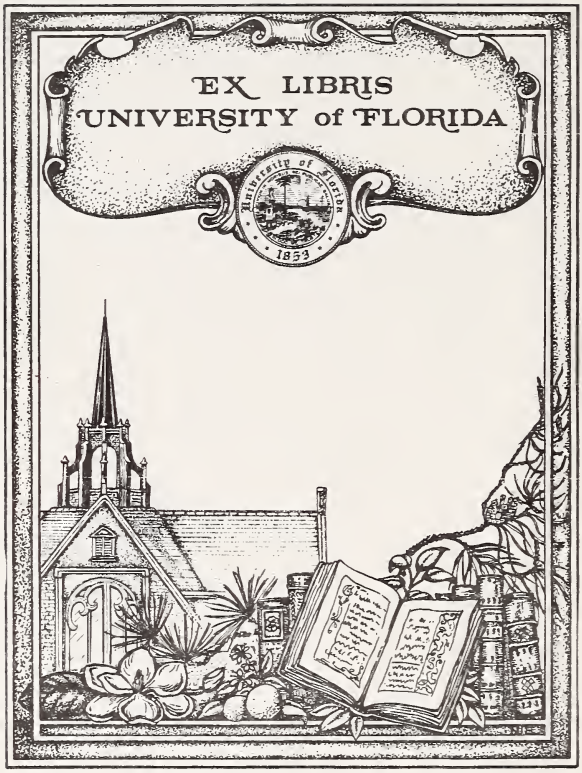

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Biography

CHARLES MCKEVETT TEAGUE was born in Santa Paula, Ventura County, Calif., September 18, 1909; attended the public schools; was graduated from Stanford University in 1931 and from Stanford Law School in 1934; was admitted to the bar in 1934 and commenced the practice of law in Los Angeles and Ventura, Calif.; during World War II served in the U.S. Air Force 1942–46; awarded Air Force commendation ribbon; director of McKevett Corp. and Teague-McKevett Co.; elected as a Republican to the 84th and to the nine succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1955, until his death January 1, 1974, in Santa Paula, Calif.; cremated; ashes interred in family plot in Santa Paula Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
CHARLES M. TEAGUE

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *January 21, 1974.*

This being the day fixed by Public Law 93–196, 93d Congress, enacted pursuant to the 20th amendment of the Constitution, for the meeting of the 2d session of the 93d Congress, the Members of the House of Representatives of the 93d Congress met in their Hall, and at 12 o'clock noon were called to order by the Speaker, the Honorable Carl Albert, a Representative from the State of Oklahoma.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., L.H.D., offered the following prayer:

Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with Thee whithersoever thou goest.—Joshua 1: 9.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way."

Eternal God, our Father, whose still, small voice calls us to turn away from the worries of a wayward world and to come to Thee in all humility and reverence, help us, we pray Thee, to enter this new year putting our hands into Thine that we may be led into Thy pure paths of righteousness, truth, and good will.

Undergirded by Thy spirit, may our President, our Speaker, and our Representatives face the duties of this year with clear minds, clean hearts, courageous spirits, and without any pettiness, or prejudice, or pretense. May they render their best service to the best country in all the world.

Bless Thou our Nation, from north to south, from east to west. May we the people be united in purpose and sturdy in spirit as we

live through these critical days and may our faith in Thee keep us steady and give us strength as we seek the good of all Thy children.

We mourn the passing of our beloved colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE. For his integrity of mind, his sincerity of heart, his devotion to his State and his country, we thank Thee. Comfort Thou his family with Thy sustaining spirit and strengthen them for the days that lie ahead.

We pray in the spirit of Him who taught His disciples to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of title 2, United States Code, section 124, and the order of the House of December 21, 1973, empowering him to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House, did on January 2, 1974, appoint the following Members of the House of Representatives as a committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California: Mr. Holifield, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. McFall, Mr. Arends, Mr. Gubser, Mr. Hosmer, Mr. Mailliard, Mr. Moss, Mr. Bob Wilson, Mr. Sisk, Mr. Johnson of California, Mr. Bell, Mr. Corman, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Roybal, Mr. Talcott, Mr. Van Deerlin, Mr. Charles H. Wilson of California, Mr. Del Clawson, Mr. Burton, Mr. Rees, Mr. Waldie, Mr. Mathias, Mr. Pettis, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. McCloskey, Mr. Anderson of California, Mr. Goldwater, Mr. Rousselot, Mr. Danielson, Mr. Dellums, Mr. Veysey, Mr. Brown of California, Mr. Burgener, Mrs. Burke of California, Mr. Hinshaw, Mr. Ketchum, Mr. Moorhead of California, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Stark, Mr. Goodling, and Mr. Mayne.

Mr. HOSMER. Mr. Speaker, it is my said duty to announce the passing of CHARLES M. TEAGUE, late a Representative in Congress from California's 13th District and our beloved companion in these Chambers for the last 19 years.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a man, indeed, loved by all of us, but more than that, admired for his capabilities, respected for his honesty, and reputed for his intelligence and his ability to legislate in a manner that has well served his Nation, that has well served his district and brought honor to all of us.

At a later date to be specified, I have asked our colleague from California (Mr. Gubser), who was perhaps as close to anyone in this House to CHARLES, or CHARLIE, or CHUCK, as variously we knew him, to seek a special order, at which time all Members will have the opportunity to eulogize our late comrade and colleague.

Meanwhile, Mr. Speaker, I think it would be appropriate to ask unanimous consent to insert in the Record at this point an item from the Washington Post of January 2, 1974, which published the news of our colleague's death on the date preceding, January 1, and which recounts for the moment a few of the highlights of his activities and the tributes which were paid him by the President of the United States and others.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The article from the Washington Post follows:

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Mr. HOSMER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 773

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were agreed to.

TUESDAY, *January 22, 1974.*

Mr. GUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn during the days between sessions America lost one of its most respected

legislators and a true friend of the Nation's farmers, Hon. CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California.

As a freshman Member of the House I did not know CHARLES TEAGUE as well as many of his friends and colleagues here, but my service with him on the House Agriculture Committee afforded me the opportunity to observe how much he knew about American agriculture.

I know that those who served with him on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee share my high regard for his abilities, his wit, and his dedication to improving the lives of America's farmers and veterans. His passing is a sad event for us all.

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CHARLES TEAGUE leaves an inspiring record of service—he was the senior Republican member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, in addition to being the ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee. As a member of the Veterans' Committee, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. TEAGUE.

Congressman TEAGUE will be remembered for his good judgment, conscientiousness, honesty, and dedication to pursuing what he believed was best for his country. Having come from a family active in California agriculture, Congressman TEAGUE provided the Agriculture Committee with a great deal of valuable insight during his tenure in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I feel privileged to have known Mr. TEAGUE and to have had the opportunity to work with him. I extend my deepest

sympathy to his family, and to the people of the 13th District of California. We all have lost a good friend.

In addition, I would like to share an article with my colleagues concerning Congressman TEAGUE which appeared January 2 in the Washington Post. The article affords us additional insight into some of the highlights of Mr. TEAGUE's career.

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Rep. TEAGUE's first wife, Majorie, died in 1970. He remarried that year, but was separated from his second wife, Courtney, at the time of his death.

In addition to his son, Rep. TEAGUE also is survived by two daughters, Norma Potter, of Washington, and Judith Kenyon, of Santa Rosa, Calif., and eight grandchildren.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it was with great regret and a deep sense of loss that I learned while Congress was in recess of the passing of our genial colleague and friend, Representative CHARLES M. "CHUCK" TEAGUE of California.

I want to take this means of paying a brief but sincere tribute to Congressman TEAGUE, who served so ably and so well for some 17 years in the Congress. He served effectively and capably as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

At the time of his unfortunate passing, he was ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture and second ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. In those vital and important positions, "CHUCK" TEAGUE played a crucial role in the drafting of farm and veterans' legislation. He deserves our commendation and the thanks of the Nation for his good works. He served his district, State, and Nation faithfully and well.

Mrs. Evins joins me in conveying our deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Teague and the members of the family in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. BURKE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep personal regret that I learned of the death of our colleague Congressman during our recent Christmas recess. I had the great pleasure, when first elected to the Congress, of serving with Mr. TEAGUE on the House Committee on Agriculture. He was a friendly, courteous person and one whom I considered a real gentleman Congressman—kind, understanding, and considerate.

During his 19 years he served in the House, he was a member of the House Agriculture Committee. He was best known for his efforts to maintain free, as opposed to subsidized, agriculture. He was a diligent and hard worker.

The death of CHARLES TEAGUE is truly a great loss to the Members of the U.S. Congress, to the people of the State of California, and to his constituents whom he served so long and so well. He will be missed by those engaged in American agriculture for his understanding of the need of independence for small farmers.

Despite the population growth of California, there are still some parts of the State that are reminiscent of the California of 30, 40, or even 50 years ago; parts with the soft climate, the mountains rolling to the sea, the small towns, and the smogless cities; and, there are some people who remember and exemplify the easier more settled times of those years who remind us that the passage of time does not measure progress as much as the quality of our lives.

Congressman TEAGUE was progressive, yet I will miss the gentle ways and courteous patience of CHARLIE TEAGUE.

Since he was one of the more senior Republicans in the Congress, he had the choice at the beginning of the 93d Congress of either remaining as ranking minority member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, or assuming the same position on the Agriculture Committee. He chose to be the ranking member on the Agriculture Committee, even though he was himself a veteran of World War II and active in helping to improve veterans' legislation.

As a Republican, I will miss his fellowship and guidance, as I am sure will all who knew him will.

Mrs. Burke and I were proud to know him and we extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. GUBSER. Mr. Speaker, some time during the night when the year 1973 gave way to 1974 our dear friend and colleague, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, passed away. I have reserved this time so that along with my colleagues in the House, we can express our respect for one who deserved the ultimate in respect.

No greater tribute can be paid to any man than to say "he was a man we will remember."

His classmates at Stanford University and its law school from 1927 until 1934 will remember him as an excellent first baseman, a good student, and a worthy son of a distinguished California family.

His friends and neighbors of Ventura County and the city of Ojai knew him as an excellent attorney, a willing participant in beneficial

community activities, and one who left his native area only to serve his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II and later to serve that country in the Congress of the United States.

I like to remember CHUCK TEAGUE as one of my closest friends. I remember how he and his wife Marjorie were so considerate of other people's feelings. During our numerous "meetings" which we held in my office on days of long sessions, I can vividly recall mentally catching and recatching that prize winning trout which CHUCK landed in the Sierras after a 40-minute fight. During a particular period when personal problems beset him, I enjoyed his confidence and developed an intense admiration for the kindliness, patience, gentleness, and the dignity with which CHUCK TEAGUE met unpleasantness and adversity.

His constituents will remember his remarkable feat of securing authorization of a major reclamation project in his district during his very first term of office. They will recall the unfortunate error which caused CHUCK's name to be left off the primary ballot in 1958, and the overwhelming respect which his constituents displayed for him by actually writing in his name and giving him a substantial vote of confidence.

Nationally he will be remembered for his constructive leadership in agricultural matters and in legislation concerning veterans. CHUCK TEAGUE had a way of effectively opposing a principle he did not believe in, but while voicing his opposition in a nonabrasive manner never offended his opposition.

We all remember his leadership in killing the rule on the National Timber Supply Act, considered by some as the high water mark of legislative effectiveness for environmentalists. Nationally he was also credited for an outstanding piece of work in conducting the delicate investigation of questionable conduct by one of our former colleagues. He was among the first to suggest the establishment of an Ethics Committee which has since come to pass.

The habitues at the Round Table at the Capitol Hill Club will remember his quiet good humor and his genuine friendship. His empty chair will never be filled.

His gentle sense of humor will be remembered by everyone who knew him. On one occasion he disowned one of his own bills on the

floor of the House, a bill to eliminate tariffs on the importation of wild animals which had been referred to as the Teague bill. But by the time it got through the Senate, it had come out as a bill to limit beef imports from Australia and New Zealand. The changes brought this speech from Representative TEAGUE:

I was proud to have been the father of such a clean, beautiful little fellow. . . . He was prepared to do great things for boa constrictors and gorillas and their owners.

But in the course of events my little baby was sent to the Senate pediatric hospital. . . . All that remained of him was the identification number on his poor little wrist.

Mr. Speaker, I must disclaim fatherhood of H.R. 1839 as he is before us today. I am willing to contribute to his support, but he is not mine—my blood no longer flows in his viens.

I repeat, Mr. Speaker, "This child ain't mine".

These are the things for which CHARLES TEAGUE will always be remembered. His quiet efficiency, his kindliness, his patience, his gentleness, his sense of humor, and his great dignity.

We all express our sympathy to his surviving family—his daughters, Mrs. Judith Kenyon and Mrs. Norma Potter, his son Alan Teague, and his eight wonderful grandchildren.

CHUCK TEAGUE died as he had lived. He left us in quiet dignity—as a gentle, patient, and kindly man whom we shall never forget.

Mr. TALCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was grieved and shocked to learn of the death of our colleague CHARLES M. TEAGUE. He was much too young to die, but he had lived a full and productive life of service to people.

Mrs. Talcott and I extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and constituents.

I greatly admired the manner in which CHUCK TEAGUE performed his duties as a Congressman. He was quiet, unassuming. He did not shout for the headlines or act for the cameras, but he did his job.

He was popular among Members of the Congress, but he was also highly respected by them.

He believed in representing his district to the Congress rather than the Federal Government to his district.

He was always willing and quick to help his constituents, no matter what their problem.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a Congressman before I was elected to the Congress. I did not know him personally then; but we knew him by his deeds which were impressive.

He appointed our son Ron to the Air Force Academy although by that time he no longer represented our county of Monterey. I was impressed that a Member would permit the appointment of someone he no longer represented. For that reason I decided to use Mr. TEAGUE's method of appointment. He provided a good example in this and many other ways.

He was my kind of Congressman. He worked conscientiously and assiduously but with special sensitivity for the individual citizen.

Mr. TEAGUE was not spectacular. He devoted his time to the work of his office and committees. Mr. TEAGUE was decent, honest, and conscientious—characteristics that are in high demand. We politicians are grateful to our colleagues who possess these virtues in such great abundance.

Time does not permit me to reflect on many aspects of his life.

Many may not have known his interest in sports. He was more than an avid fan although I remember with relish the Teague family bus rides from San Francisco to the big game—at Berkeley or Palo Alto—where a busload of friends would enjoy the ride and the game regardless of the score or the weather.

He played first base for the Stanford freshmen. He was always a staunch supporter of our alma mater, Stanford University, through "thick and thin."

He actually played with his staff's softball team—the "Teague Condors"—for a number of seasons including the summer of 1973.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to know and work with CHUCK TEAGUE. I consider him a worthy mentor. He may be remembered by many for his contributions to agriculture and veterans' legislation, but he will be remembered by me as a decent human being who represented the people of his district and Nation well, and as a true friend.

Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, first I wish to thank the gentleman from California for reserving this time. I had a conversation with the gentleman from California (Mr. Hosmer), and that gentleman informed me that the gentleman from California (Mr. Gubser),

was going to ask for this time. Of course, if the gentleman had not asked for this time I certainly would have.

Mr. Speaker, I served with CHUCK TEAGUE for almost 20 years. During that time I had occasion to observe him and his work on the floor of the House of Representatives and of course I know of his very hard work in the committees on which he served. I know that he was a real champion for the agricultural interests of the great State of California, which State ranks very high in the agricultural column among all of our States. I know that he gave great dedication to his job. His voice on the floor was always a strong voice for the principles in which he believed.

Personally, CHUCK TEAGUE was a delightful man. In all of the years that I knew him I never had one word of personal disagreement with him in any way. His loss will be, in my opinion, a great loss to the State of California, to his constituents, and to American agriculture. The importance of his contributions for the State of California will long be remembered. I regret very much his tragic passing. I extend to his family my sincere sympathies.

I was able to go to the memorial services for him, and the people who came there were certainly a vivid demonstration of their love and regard for him.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I am especially grateful to the gentleman (Mr. Gubser) for having set aside this time in order that we might comment on our association with our late good colleague, CHARLIE TEAGUE. It is appropriate that we all review what our association meant to each of us as individuals, to the whole House of Representatives, and, as a matter of fact, to the entire country.

I think, as my colleague Mr. Gubser has pointed out, CHARLIE TEAGUE as first and always a very gentle man who approached every single problem before the Congress with a sense of calm and careful consideration that we do not always find present in this kind of work. He treated everybody exactly the same in that gentle and fair approach that he expressed every day.

As has already been indicated, CHARLIE TEAGUE was a totally decent man. He never tried to cut a corner. He never tried to obtain the advantage of another Member of Congress or a Member of the Senate or for that matter anybody. Mr. TEAGUE always tried to approach

everything from a position of maximum consideration of the other people involved, including his own constituents.

And yet through all of this sense of fairness he was an extremely effective legislator. That does not mean that he won all of the battles he entered, but his legislative efforts were felt. He was extremely well informed in the field of agriculture—and I do not say this just because he supported the point of view that I share; that is, the belief in a strong free market system as opposed to a highly governmental controlled system. CHARLIE was always willing to work for that position in a way that others understood, and everyone always respected his positive approach.

Many times we would follow his leadership just because of the very decent and fair way in which he presented it. I remember just recently he joined many of us to include a $1.5 million appropriation for airborne firefighting equipment. Those of us from California and the West were very much interested in this new firefighting equipment that was to go into the C–130's to be used during the very critical time of fire in the West, know full well how very active he was in his normal, quiet way of making sure that the funding was included in the supplemental appropriation.

Whenever we needed his help to call people in the administration and to gather together people on the committee to be helpful in support of a given position, he was not only willing to do it, but he took extra time to make sure that all people involved fully understood the position. One just never heard an unkind word that he would utter about anyone. Even when he was upset—which was seldom—or felt that something had been done improperly. He just never had an unkind word for anyone.

I know on the basis of my own experience with him as a coworker here in Congress, when he had joined to face a problem together, that he was extremely careful and thoughtful in the way that he worked for his constituents. He never turned anyone away, and even though he totally disagreed with a given point of view, he would make sure that it was fully explored and that the individual, or constituent, be fully represented. This included political adversaries.

I guess we could really sum it up by saying that CHARLIE TEAGUE was everything that we expect a Congressman to be, only he proved

it by deeds and not by just words. CHARLIE TEAGUE meets my highest ideal of a fine public servant.

Mr. KETCHUM. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the late Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

On the facade of California's Supreme Court Building in Sacramento are inscribed these words:

Bring me men to match my mountains.

My friend and colleague CHARLES TEAGUE was such a man. As calm as our Sierra's snow-capped peaks, as tough as the rock beneath them, as gentle as the rolling foothills of the Pacific slope, as cheerful as a sunny Santa Barbara day, as friendly as the flower fields of Lompoc, as productive as the soils of our great State. He was indeed a man to match our mountains. He was my friend and guide. He is gone and I shall miss him. So also will his district, his beloved California, and our Nation.

Mr. BROYHILL of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the gentleman for taking this time to pay our respects to our late departed friend and colleague, Mr. CHARLES TEAGUE.

I remember, of course, meeting CHUCK TEAGUE after coming here some 11 years ago. We became very close friends. He was always most helpful to me in my early years. I am not a member of the Committee on Agriculture, but, of course, my State, North Carolina, has a great interest in agricultural matters, and I was continually checking with him on legislation which had been before his committee and working with him on this legislation as it was reported to the House. I always found him to be a most knowledgeable and helpful person when we formulated legislation in agricultural affairs. I did not always agree with him, but I always found him to be one who could disagree in a gentlemanly way.

We will miss him here in the House. We will miss his wisdom and we will miss his leadership.

Mrs. Broyhill joins with me in extending to his family our most sincere sympathy and condolences.

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, certainly I believe I presented the gentleman with a statement which I would hope would be incor-

porated in the Record respecting the passing of our beloved colleague, the gentleman from California, CHUCK TEAGUE.

It was my pleasure when I first came to the Congress 11 years ago to be assigned to the committee of Congressman TEAGUE, to wit the Agriculture Committee. On that committee we developed not a Democratic or a Republican position, but we, and that included CHUCK and Harlan Hagan and me, developed a California position. I believe that these men and the gentleman from Hawaii, Spark Matsunaga, and some of the rest of us developed almost a western position. We worked together on very many knotty problems for a great number of years as to what to do with the Mexican workers in this country, which was commonly called the bracero program, which puts us in very close contact on a daily basis for a number of years. We worked out those problems together. Actually we worked away the bracero program, and we mechanized agriculture and changed the face of agriculture in California. Eventually I moved off the Agriculture Committee but CHUCK stayed there and did his duty for California.

I think both sides respected the opinions of CHUCK when he spelled out his best judgment on what should or should not occur with respect to agricultural issues and their effect on the State of California. I know my colleague, the gentleman from California, Bernie Sisk, on the committee had the highest respect for the opinions of CHUCK.

I really can hardly remember an issue when we disagreed when it came to the very important subject matter of agriculture. We of course had our differences on other subject matters.

CHUCK was a very close friend and represented Santa Barbara, the home of my wife's parents. CHUCK TEAGUE worked to protect the environment from unnecessary oil drilling adjacent to his district off the Santa Barbara coast. He always did a very scholarly job in representing his dictrict and was an excellent competitor on the paddle ball courts throughout the years, an excellent athlete, and a real catalyst in promoting the camaraderie we have among the, at one time 38, and now, 43 members of the California delegation.

It is with real sorrow that we in northern California will miss CHUCK TEAGUE in the Congress. On behalf of the Democrats of California I certainly want to express my dismay at his passing. He is

going to be very difficult to replace in the central coast area of the State of California.

Certainly his family has my deepest respect and condolences.

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman in the well for permitting me to join him and our other colleagues in tribute to one of the finest men who ever sat in this or any other legislative body, a cherished friend and a distinguished American, CHUCK TEAGUE.

I first came to be closely associated with CHUCK TEAGUE a great many years ago when he and I were among others on the Adam Clayton Powell committee. I saw then what since has come to be one of the predominant qualifications of his life, the sense that he was a man who wanted to do only what was right. At a time when those in public office are so often under question in the public mind, nobody who ever knew CHUCK TEAGUE would associate him with anything but the highest standards of ethics and honorable conduct. He was dedicated to the public interest. He was diligent in the performance of his duties. He had a warm compassion and generous heart. He was a man who thought of other people and their happiness, and their well-being was always a subject of primary concern and consideration to him.

I have read that President Kennedy rather chose as the criteria of his life the kind of man he would like to be—three qualifications: debonair, brilliant, and brave. CHUCK TEAGUE embodied every one of those desirable and those enviable qualities. He was always fastidious in his dress, always most gracious and gentlemanly in his manner. He was always a man of both pleasant and temperate disposition, a delightfully agreeable companion, a friend that one knew he could count on either for agreeable companionship or in case of need for proper assistance.

He had the courage of a man that knows that his primary concern is to be worthy of the trust his friends hold in him. He was also brilliant in his grasp of public issues, of problems that presented themselves to him in his capacity as a Representative of his great district and of his great State and country.

All who knew CHUCK TEAGUE well looked upon him as a laudable symbol of what a citizen, of what a public servant, of what a distinguished leader should be.

I shall not forget that only a little while ago he was a guest with dear friends of ours at a dinner that my wife and I gave, and what a happy association that and many other occasions when we were privileged to be with him, were to my wife and to me.

We are brought closely together because we had shared dear friends in common. We knew him well enough to know that he did not anticipate the end when he was still in the fullness of his life. We know that he had great hopes and happy dreams—great ambitions—for the years ahead. He looked forward to continued service in this great body. He looked forward to many years of health and happiness in his own life here.

What a tragedy that a country so sorely in need of men of such quality should have lost him when he was on the threshold of yet greater deeds of accomplishments and service for his country and his fellow citizens.

So, Mr. Speaker, for my wife and myself, I wish to join in heartfelt tribute and the expression of deep sympathy upon the passing of this good and great gentleman, this noble friend, CHUCK TEAGUE.

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a very deep privilege to join with the other friends of CHUCK TEAGUE in expressing the feelings we have concerning a man for whom I had a great deal of respect. Personally, I find mere words too inadequate to express the very deep and sincere feeling that I had about CHUCK, but I intend to try.

Although I was not privileged to serve 20 years with this fine man, in the 5 years that I have been in the Congress I had grown to appreciate his abilities as a legislator and respected him as a friend.

I can recall when I first came to Congress how helpful he was in keeping my feet on solid ground. More than once there was an occasion when CHUCK would come up to me, as a colleague, with very sound advice on how to proceed with a problem or how to go forward with a project.

Not only did CHUCK represent a congressional district which adjoins mine in California, but I was also very proud his office was located only a few doors from mine. Although we feel a deep sense of loss, I am sure that his family and those who worked most closely with him, his staff, feel a loss in a way to which we cannot relate. For his congressional office was one comprised of real teamwork and

one which I looked upon with envy and tried to emulate in my office. His staff excellence very clearly echoed his.

Since we did represent adjoining districts, there were many occasions when we worked together, and there are a great deal of memories in my heart. I feel fortunate we were able to work together in such an excellent way; a way which was in the best interests of those that we, in many instances, almost mutually represented.

Whether it was a scheduling request for visiting officials, or the flood control of the Santa Clarita River, or an unemployment problem, or a problem involving an individual having troubles with the Federal Government, there was a unique relationship there between my office and his. For that, I must give credit to CHUCK TEAGUE, because of his sincere and unselfish desire to serve his constituency the best that he could.

Mr. Speaker, I only hope that as I proceed in many of the areas that were part of his district and his life, I can bring the same kind of service that CHUCK demonstrated, and that those people he represented became so accustomed to receiving.

His passing was a great loss to the people that he represented, but it was also a great loss to me. We certainly cannot replace CHUCK TEAGUE. We can only cherish his memory and carry forward as only he would have us do.

He was truly a great man, and to his beloved ones left behind, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to include the following two eulogies as part of my remarks:

[From the Press-Courier Jan. 3, 1974]

TEAGUE MIRROR

(By Mike Bird)

Joe said, "He was a rare kind of a guy."

Rep. CHARLES TEAGUE's untimely death hit my friend a jolt and it shook loose a story.

"Red tape," Joe related, "is the bane of people. An immigrant like me knows. But I soon found TEAGUE, too, disliked bureaucrats and endless tape.

"If you had an individual problem, he would cut across channels. My passport had expired and my emergency trip back home was doomed—until the congressman went to bat. In a matter of hours I was on my way."

The recollection of it caused Joe's heart to beat faster.

"Listen to this," he continued. "Our service station operator recently was being squeezed in the middle. Between the big oil company and the pump. My wife sympathized. She wrote letters trying to catch the ear of senators and congressmen. TEAGUE, unfortunately, no longer represented Oxnard. But, as I'd come to expect, he fired back a reply anyway—days ahead of all the rest—and said, 'I'll take it right up.' "

Joe added, "What's more, Mr. TEAGUE put the gas station man's peeve right on the desk of the President of the United States."

It was that kind of concern, I quickly observed on my return to Oxnard newspapering more than a dozen years ago, that endeared the late lawmaker to people.

In a word, he was folksy.

TEAGUE was born in the shadow of Santa Paula citrus groves. He became a lawyer. But he never tried to shake the soil from his shoes. He joshed about himself and won elections.

The congressman served quietly. He liked to be on the job. His staff was a marvel of efficiency—and the White House could take lessons.

Every other year the boss allotted himself about two big weeks for personal campaigning. I can still see him climbing into a funny old Chevy sedan.

"My campaign car," he called it. "Sits in the garage the rest of the year."

TEAGUE, as folks across the political fences found out, was not a man to be underestimated.

Back in 1958 aides overlooked filing the proper number of nominating signatures. Even so, he won the Republican endorsement for his third term. Pencil pushers gave him an astounding 31,000 write-in votes.

In the recent era of political whim and skulduggery, he kept his sense of integrity. Early in the Watergate scuffling, he was among the first to call for full disclosure.

He stuck by his guns on an oil-drilling sanctuary for the Santa Barbara Channel, for local option in the conversion of deactivated Oxnard Air Force Base, for abolition of farm subsidies, and for a square deal for veterans.

Election foes generally viewed him as an arm of the status quo. They would concede only:

"He opens doors to people."

Indeed he did. And with powerful grassroots results.

In today's touchy area of young people, TEAGUE, at 64, had perhaps the best record of any person in Congress for selecting outstanding appointees to the nation's service academies.

He was painstaking about it and proud of his "boys."

Nor did the congressman take a backward step from a fight. A union delegation that once presumably sought to embarrass him in a confrontation at his Washington headquarters was summarily invited to leave. And it did.

The gesture was the sort of thing an ordinary political figure would avoid. But TEAGUE wasn't ordinary.

Once I played a little trick of my own on him.

Out at Point Mugu a fuss had erupted over a safety regulation requiring personnel in restricted areas to keep their hard hats on—even in the lavatories.

Well, the hands sent an appeal to TEAGUE headquarters in Washington, and he promptly responded.

So I decided to have some fun with the story. I obtained a photo of a hard hat and fitted it neatly onto a column-sized photo of TEAGUE.

The composite picture ran in the newspaper.

TEAGUE confided later, "I scratched my head a long time trying to remember when that shot of me in a hard hat was ever snapped."

Through his departure was untimely, the congressman left us a public office in good order and a shelf full of warm memories.

[From the Star-Free Press, Jan. 3, 1974]

CONGRESSMAN TEAGUE

As a Congressman, CHARLES M. TEAGUE was hard-working, accessible and conscientious. His 19-year career as Ventura County's man in the House of Representatives is a welcome reminder that—despite all the scandals and constitutional corruption—there are honorable politicians in the halls of Washington, D.C.

In the 19 years that Mr. TEAGUE represented Ventura County in the nation's Capitol, he represented the county well. We say that without any pretense that we always agreed with him. In fact, we disagreed at times to the extent of endorsing his opponents when we felt they were of outstanding caliber.

Mr. TEAGUE treated those opponents pretty much the same, whatever endorsements they may or may not have had. He simply swamped them at the polls. He did so because he accurately reflected the views of a majority of his constituents.

That was true even for Vietnam, a misadventure that Mr. TEAGUE supported consistently under two presidents, while we were opposing the war long before it became fashionable to do so. But when public sentiment shifted, Mr. TEAGUE continued to reflect the views of his constituents, and—in the most significant vote in his last term of office—voted for the War Powers Act, that is designed to prevent any similar misadventures in the future, by returning war-making powers to Congress.

There were periodic attempts to paint Mr. TEAGUE as a wealthy farmer, enriching himself by his position as the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee but those attempts always fell flat. Most Teague family land holdings were acquired before Mr. TEAGUE's tenure in Congress, and the crops—primarily citrus—are not among those enjoying the largesse of farm subsidies.

Mr. TEAGUE consistently opposed subsidies for all farm crops, and took a stern view of government spending in general. Unlike many congressmen, he didn't content himself with preaching political austerity—he practiced it as well.

He maintained his office in the old Longworth Building, long after new, plusher quarters were available for congressmen in the expensive structure built as a memorial to Sam Rayburn. And Mr. TEAGUE's name was never found on the list of congressmen who were junketeering to faraway places—taking a nice paid vacation at taxpayer's expense, in the guise of "fact finding." He even voted against the most recent proposal to raise his own pay as a congressman, but that was typical of Mr. TEAGUE.

Where his name was found annually, was right up near the top of the list in attendance. When the roll was called, Mr. TEAGUE was there and voting, and you don't have to agree with every vote to find that commendable.

Mr. TEAGUE represented his constituents even more effectively in the thousands of congressional chores that don't involve legislating and voting. He was readily accessible to all, and devoted much of his time to untangling the inevitable problems—lost checks, delayed papers, unanswered mail—that can make federal government seem so unresponsive to the people it is designed to serve. Mr. TEAGUE always responded and often managed to make bureaucracy serve, and he did it without the huge entourage of hangers-on that follow other politicians around.

When it came election time, his constituents didn't forget that their congressman hadn't forgotten them, when they needed help. And let's emphasize that this reputation Mr. TEAGUE earned for responsiveness to his constituents was not earned by doing favors for the well-to-do political contributors, but by doing chores—not favors, really—for the unemployed veterans in Oxnard or the little old lady in Ojai, and by pushing public works projects of benefit to the whole county—such as Casitas Dam.

It's worth noting that trying to represent this district hasn't always been easy. Mr. TEAGUE was caught in the middle at least twice—on offshore oil and Oxnard Air Force Base. His offshore oil position more accurately reflected his constituents in Santa Barbara County than in Ventura County, we would guess, and he couldn't even find agreement in this country on the air base.

Mr. TEAGUE was planning to move to Ventura, to stay within his reapportioned district, and with him gone, speculation on possible successors is natural. But before we get on with a special election to select a successor, let's take time to honor a man who served Ventura County with diligence and with dignity.

Mr. TEAGUE was elected the first time to succeed a congressman convicted of payroll fraud, and 19 years later was still in office, serving during the troubled times of Watergate. Ventura County can be grateful for honest, conscientious representation during that 19 years, thanks to CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a feeling of profound personal sadness that I join with the distinguished gentleman from Cali-

fornia and other colleagues in paying tribute today to the life and memory and service of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, late a Representative from the State of California.

In the passing of CHUCK TEAGUE, I have lost a warm personal friend. The friendship which existed between us began immediately upon his election to the House of Representatives, which followed by less than 2 months my own election in a special election the same year.

We were immediately attracted to each other when we became colleagues in this body.

Mr. Speaker, I watched CHUCK TEAGUE master the arts of parliamentary skill. I watched him become an expert on matters affecting his district, his great State of California and, for that matter, the entire Nation.

He was a hard-working Member of Congress. I would describe him, in terms which we in this body consider an accolade, as a "Congressman's Congressman."

He was never too busy to discuss a problem upon which I and other of our colleagues considered him to possess a great amount of expertise and knowledge. It was his nature to be generous of his time and to share that knowledge which he possessed in abundance.

His district and his State are better off today because of the near 20 years during which he represented his district and his State and, indeed, represented the body politic of the United States of America.

Those of us who have been privileged to serve with him are ourselves the richer for the experience which we have had. Among many, I am proud to have been included in his circle of friends.

Mr. Speaker, he will be missed at home, he will be missed here. Mrs. Flynt joins me in extending to his family and loved ones, indeed to the people of his district and his State, our condolences and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of our colleague and friend CHUCK TEAGUE. The Congress has lost a gifted legislator.

Having served on the House Agriculture Committee with CHUCK during my first 6 years in the Congress, I found him to be one of the most dedicated men in service to our Nation.

During his many years in the House of Representatives, CHUCK TEAGUE was an example of hard work and persistence. I can recall the many times during Agriculture Committee sessions when he virtually dissected a particular piece of legislation, looking for ways in which to improve its language and assuring its applicability to the public in general, and the American farmer in particular.

Coupled with his strong interest in agriculture and the growth of rural areas, he was an equally strong supporter of conservation and environmental measures. His views were deeply respected, by officials at all levels of government, and especially by those wanting to better acquaint themselves with the legislative process. I know that I and my fellow members of the House Agriculture Committee who were his junior in senority received an education from CHUCK TEAGUE which has assisted us throughout our terms of service in the Congress.

The Congress and the Nation, along with those in the 13th Congressional District of California and the entire agricultural community, have lost a true friend. My wife Helen and I extend our deepest sympathy to the family of CHARLES TEAGUE.

Mr. VEYSEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I join in this special order paying tribute to the fine congressional work of our departed colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a part of the very fiber of his district. His home was known to all, and he related to the needs of his people, having lived all of his life in Santa Paula.

His name was legendary in agriculture in California. As the working member of our Committee on Agriculture he has done great good in the advancing the farm interests of the Golden State. And agriculture is our most important industry.

CHARLIE TEAGUE was a kind, understanding, human being. He befriended me when I was a new Member here, and I am sure he helped dozens of others.

All of California is saddened by our loss.

We will long remember the outstanding service of CHARLES TEAGUE.

Mr. EDWARDS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to express my deep sympathy to CHUCK TEAGUE's family. He was one of my very dear friends here in the House.

You know, when a new Member comes to the Congress certain faces and names stand out, I think, for as long as we are here. CHUCK TEAGUE was such a person. When I came here he was one of those who went out of his way to see that as a new Member I was brought onto the floor and I knew what was going on and that I knew there was always somebody who could answer questions. As a new Member I certainly had them. That was 10 years ago. And that friendship blossomed and flourished.

I frequently went to CHUCK for advice and talked about legislation. I considered him to be one of the real experts in the field of agriculture. He was articulate and persuasive in his efforts to bring about free as opposed to subsidized farming. In a recent statement he said, "We have the land, the farmers, the technology, the climate and the distribution system—if only we turn our farmers loose from Government subsidies and controls and let them farm."

I think it is fair to say that he wore no man's collar when it came to agriculture. He had his own views; they were deep seated and well founded. If that meant that he was in opposition to the administration, so be it; if that meant he was in opposition to the farm bloc, so be it. He did what he thought was best for agriculture, and I think we can ask no more of any man than to stand up for his own beliefs in the way he did.

He was also an effective advocate of environmental causes, and he contributed greatly to improved housing rights for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I very strongly feel we will miss CHUCK and his wise counsel. Mrs. Edwards joins me in extending the very deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. DEVINE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to join with my colleagues in memorializing a great American whose passing is a loss to the Nation and a loss to the State of California and more so a loss to his colleagues here in the House of Representatives, with whom he so well served over the years.

Mr. Speaker, CHARLEY TEAGUE was a man that many of us turned to for straight answers, particularly on agricultural matters.

All of us know that we have our own committee assignments and that we cannot begin to know the affairs in the others without dependence on someone on whom we have reliance on their integrity. CHARLEY TEAGUE was one to whom we could all turn. He would

give us his position and the administration position, if it were different, and the majority and the minority positions on the committee. Normally we would ask him how he would vote, and usually that would turn out to be the right vote.

CHARLEY TEAGUE and I had a great personal relationship, particularly because I come from the hometown in Ohio of Ohio State University, one of the Big Ten, and CHARLEY was a great advocate of a little old country college in Palo Alto, Calif., the University of Stanford. We had a great deal of friendly colloquy about the relative merits of the schools' football teams.

He also was interested in the theory that a man, in order to be mentally awake, should be physically fit. We both availed ourselves of the facilities that the Congress has to work out and stay in shape.

Mr. Speaker, we miss CHARLEY jogging and doing calisthenics and keeping himself fit to serve the Nation better.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, each of us received the news of our dear friend, CHUCK TEAGUE's passing during the recess with deepest felt sorrow. Each of us at one time has been a freshman Member of the House and has received help from one of the experienced Members. Eight years ago I joined the Committee on Agriculture and had the honor of serving with CHARLES 4 years on that committee. I learned to admire him for his intellect, for his capability and his deep concern not only for agricultural interests but for the relationship that agriculture has to the rest of the Nation.

We found that he did have a very well established and good understanding of the situations as they related to the problems of the consumers, and always had his eyes upon the farmers and the consumers, and he did an excellent job of helping both. I believe that all of us recognize that. But, more importantly, we shall remember CHUCK for his integrity and his courage. He was a man who believed that right was worth working for, regardless of how it might have affected him politically. Many times, as many of us asked him for his advice and counsel, he had told us that politically maybe it would be better to take one particular line or course of action, but he would say, "As for me, I am going to do this because it is the right way." And that is rather unusual today in politics, but it is certainly proof that CHUCK TEAGUE had certainly the courage of his convictions to do what was right for agriculture, and for America.

So, Mr. Speaker, I join my other colleagues here in saying that we surely shall miss CHUCK, and wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to his family. America has lost a true patriot.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my personal respects to our late colleague from the State of California, CHARLES TEAGUE.

It was not my privilege to know Mr. TEAGUE personally. However, his reputation as a legislator was well established in this body—and his reputation was well deserved.

His dedicated service on the House Agriculture Committee, where he was the ranking Republican member, and his faithful efforts as senior Republican on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee earned him the respect of all his colleagues.

I extend my condolences to his family and to the constituents he served in the 13th District of California.

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I wish to pay final tribute to our late colleague, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California.

"CHUCK'S" untimely death over the Christmas recess is indeed a great loss to the U.S. Congress, the people of California, and all citizens who have long known and appreciated his efforts on behalf of the "little guy."

For 19 years he served on the Committee on Agriculture and was a true friend to the small farmer. He is well known for his efforts to maintain "free" agriculture in this country. As ranking minority member on that committee, he fought to preserve the small farmer's independence.

He also served with equal distinction, as second ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs where he played an important role in drafting legislation.

CHUCK was a capable and responsible legislator. He was an asset to the Republican Party, respected for his legislative ability, his honesty, and integrity. He indeed will be sorely missed. It is with sorrow that I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of my great personal friend and genial colleague, CHARLES "CHUCK" TEAGUE from California, who diligently served

with me on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee beginning in the 84th Congress. "CHUCK" TEAGUE was a stalwart leader in the Congress and he was one of the best informed Members I know of in the field of veterans' affairs. He served for many years on the Hospital Subcommittee and the Compensation and Pension Subcommittee. His leadership in the field of GI education and training helped bring about many new innovative ideas which have benefited thousands of ex-servicemen in furthering their education after leaving the military service. He championed numerous proposals to benefit veterans with service-connected disabilities and their families.

He was an active sponsor of legislation to improve the GI home loan program. He stood foresquare behind legislation which has given education and training entitlement to approximately one quarter of a million war orphans of America's ex-fighting men.

Mr. Speaker, "CHUCK" TEAGUE was a World War II veteran, and he served as the ranking minority member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee during the last term I served as chairman of the full committee. During this period of time, and in fact throughout his entire service on this committee, he played a major leadership role to insure that partisan political considerations were never placed above the needs and welfare of those who served their country in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, CHARLES TEAGUE leaves an inspiring record of service to his country. He was a conscientious and hard-working legislator and will long be remembered by his colleagues for pursuing what he believed was best for his country. I will miss his fellowship, his wisdom, and his kind and considerate understanding in dealing with many important legislative matters which will come before the Congress in the future. We have all lost a good friend.

Mrs. HECKLER of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death during the holidays of my dear friend and colleague, Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE, has saddened me deeply.

I feel, as do the other Members of the House, that this country has lost, not only a devoted public servant and able legislator, but also a fine human being capable of great compassion and warmth.

During his 20 years in Congress, Representative TEAGUE became identified as the chief advocate of American agriculture. As the ranking Republican member on the House Agriculture Committee, he

worked to maintain free rather than subsidized agriculture and took a strong position in favor of many conservation and environmental programs.

I had the opportunity to become well acquainted with the wit and abilities of Representative TEAGUE during our work together on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. During his tenure on this committee, he exhibited the same sincere interest in the plight of the Vietnam-era veteran that he had demonstrated toward the economic problems of the American farmer. He worked diligently to promote better housing for veterans and to improve overall living standards for those returning from the war.

I am certain that his dedicated service will be missed by his colleagues in the House and his constituents in California. My deepest sympathies to his family in whom he was so very proud.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned during the holiday recess of the death of our colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California. CHUCK TEAGUE was an able and conscientious representative, and a man of whom I was very fond.

Despite the many miles which separated this Capitol from his California constituency, CHUCK TEAGUE always kept abreast of the thinking of his people. He devoted a great deal of time to answering his mail, and keeping in touch with those he represented. CHUCK was the type of guy who thoroughly enjoyed being a Member of this body and devoted most all of his energies toward his job. I shall always remember CHUCK for his gentlemanly disposition. He was the type of man who by his very presence added dignity to any group.

Yes, CHUCK TEAGUE has passed on, but the example which he set for service in the House of Representatives will be remembered.

Mrs. GREEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, we shall all miss the late Congressman from California's 13th Congressional District. Elected to this Chamber nearly 20 years ago, as a legislator, CHARLES TEAGUE will probably best be remembered for his influence in shaping important farm legislation and for his persistent efforts in furthering the welfare of this country's veterans. That record is very impressive.

A modest and unassuming individual, a key quality was his extraordinary ability to use charm and wit in making a point during the House debates. Not long ago I recall this body considered a bill

to indemnify ranchers suffering losses incurred by predatory animals. CHARLIE TEAGUE rose to his feet, objecting that:

> The bill is not just confined to coyotes killing lambs . . . but dogs or cats killing chickens . . . skunks killing chickens . . . coyotes or wolves or foxes killing calves—any sort of a predatory animal that kills a domesticated animal.

He continued that—

> Any owner could claim that this animal was killed by a predator, and Uncle Sam has to pay me.

In his genial fashion, our colleague concluded:

> Well, all I have to say is that anyone with a sick sheep ought to go out and hire a coyote.

His was a quiet kind of charm that rarely went unnoticed.

While all of us deeply mourn the sudden loss of a friend and colleague, those of us who knew CHARLIE TEAGUE can find consolation in the many fond memories we now share.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, the sudden unexpected passing of my good friend and colleague of many years, CHARLES TEAGUE, shocked and saddened me deeply. As chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I came to rely heavily on CHUCK. As the ranking minority member, he often disagreed with my viewpoint, but he was always most fair and cooperative. I considered him a good personal friend.

There were many occasions when he and I disagreed on issues. There were times when he opposed legislation which I strongly supported on the floor of the House. But he was always open and above board. Far beyond everything else, CHUCK TEAGUE was a gentleman in the highest sense of the word.

I can recall a number of occasions our committee was working on legislation when CHUCK was most valuable in assisting in working out compromises between those who held radically different points of view. There were occasions when CHUCK spent many hours in bringing about a consensus on bills that at the time appeared to have no chance of passage. There were times when, after lending his sincere efforts to obtain a workable compromise, CHUCK would even vote against final passage of the bill because he simply opposed

it on a philosophical basis. Indeed, this was one of his rare qualities, and this is also why he was such an effective Member of Congress.

I never recall seeing him lose his composure. I never remember him becoming personally angry with anyone. I do remember that I was always greatly relieved to have his support on the floor, and I was always happy to have his suggestions off the floor. They were always well considered.

As many others have already said and will say, our colleague, CHUCK TEAGUE, will be missed here in this House. I consider myself most fortunate to have worked closely with him for so many years. I consider myself most fortunate to have had him as a good friend. Mrs. Poage and I extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express to the House my great sense of loss over the passing of our colleague CHARLES M. TEAGUE. During his 20 years of service in the Congress he earned the respect and friendship of a great many Members, from both sides of the aisle.

I know that he will be missed. As ranking member of the House Committee on Agriculture he was a positive influence on farm legislation, a steady voice for the American farmer and a believer in our great free enterprise system which has produced the highest standard of living in the world.

It has been my privilege to work closely over the years with CHUCK TEAGUE on a variety of regional and national problems. The Nation has lost a dedicated public servant, and I have lost a good and true friend in Congress. The 13th district has lost the valued service of a fine statesman and a warm and friendly person. Mrs. Rhodes joins me in extending sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. WAGGONNER. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my friend and colleague, CHARLES M. "CHUCK" TEAGUE, of the 13th District of California. There is no question that California has lost an outsanding legislator and citizen, and the Nation has lost a truly dedicated public servant.

Having come to the House some 20 years ago, CHUCK served this country during some of its most difficult times. He remained throughout his years here a conscientious and hard-working individual—dedicated to his work and to the people of California whom he loved so much and represented so well.

The Nation and we here in the House will sorely miss the wisdom, leadership, and legislative abilities of CHARLES M. TEAGUE. I join my colleagues in paying tribute to him and offering heartfelt sympathy to his family and loved ones.

Mr. DEL CLAWSON. Mr. Speaker, when a friend and colleague leaves the Washington scene it creates an irreplaceable void. This is especially true when the friend leaves because of death.

Every Member of the House of Representatives who personally knew our friend, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, could call him their friend because CHARLIE, as he was affectionately known, had a very special facility for developing friendships of a deep and lasting quality.

When death comes, it is better for all of us if we are in happy surroundings with family and friends. This was true of our colleague, CHARLIE, who passed away at the home of his son, Alan, the mayor of Santa Paula, Calif. The very fact that he was spending his recess time at home with his family reveals the close ties and family orientation that occupied the life, mind, and heart of our beloved colleague.

CHUCK was a constant and sincere confidant of mine. Having befriended me, he was always available for advice and counsel on matters of congressional business, political subjects, or even personal problems.

His congressional record is well known to all of us. He distinguished himself in the fields of American agriculture and was a strong advocate of the conservation of our resources and preservation and improvement for the quality of our environment.

Each of us in his own way must consider the passing of Congressman TEAGUE as the loss of a close personal friend and it will not be possible to "fill his shoes."

His memory will remain with us throughout a lifetime as we recall our associations. His keen sense of honor will come to mind together with his love for the good things of life, all of which will make our memories of him happy and pleasant.

Our love, sympathy, and condolences are extended to his son, his two daughters, and eight grandchildren who survive CHARLIE.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in paying tribute to CHARLES TEAGUE, a Member of this body for many years.

"CHUCK" TEAGUE, as he was known by most people, was a dignified, mild-mannered man who was dedicated to his congressional district, State, and Nation.

All of us in California are going to miss "CHUCK" TEAGUE very deeply as a good friend, an outstanding colleague, and a fine example of all that is best in a Representative in Congress. California, with its great dependence on agri-business looked to "CHUCK" TEAGUE as a leader in this field because of his outstanding service on the Committee on Agriculture. His contributions on this committee are going to benefit not only the farmers of the Nation but the consumers for years to come. I should also note that he demonstrated similar leadership in veterans' affairs in his service on that committee. Here again his dedicated service to the veterans of this Nation has resulted in more important benefits for our veterans, better medical assistance, hospitals, and many other benefits which can be contributed directly to "CHUCK" TEAGUE's efforts.

My wife and I were deeply saddened to learn of his death on New Year's Day and extend sympathy to his family.

Mr. MAILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in paying tribute to our departed colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE. Others have given the details of his long and most distinguished public career. I heartily endorse their praise of his personal and professional accomplishments. I can well attest to CHUCK's effectiveness as a Congressman: In particular, CHUCK's strong efforts in the House Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs Committees will be long remembered and well appreciated by his colleagues and the country at large. Having been a colleague of CHUCK's for nearly 20 years, I feel a deep sense of loss. My wife and I offer our sincere condolences to the family of our departed colleague.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, during the adjournment period is a great loss to the House of Representatives and will become more acute as time passes.

I respected my friend, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, for his outstanding abilities as a lawmaker and admired him for his dedication as the chosen Representative of his people. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture, his contributions were many and his devotion to duty

and his adherence to the principles of sound government were ever evident.

Mr. Speaker, a great Member is gone from our ranks. The influence of this servant of the people will be felt for many generations to come. He was a busy man—a humble man—a good man.

My heartfelt sympathy is with the Teague family and it is my prayer that they will be comforted in the knowledge that CHARLES M. TEAGUE was an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives and a just and honorable man.

Mr. PETTIS. Mr. Speaker, in these times when politics and elected officials have very poor images and some citizens are urging the young people of this country to stay away from working on the public's business, it is especially important that we honor the memory of our colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

Not a person to grab press headlines, Mr. TEAGUE went about the day-to-day business of his California constituents and the people of this Nation in a quiet manner. He was known throughout the 13th District as a hard-working, honest politician, someone upon whom you could depend, someone who would go that last mile to help you, regardless of your station in life. It is no wonder the electorate continued to return him to Washington as their Representative since he first ran for Congress in 1954. Once they even mounted a successful write-in campaign, when, through an oversight, his name was not listed on the primary ballot.

Mr. Speaker, for those people who would give up on the American political system, I urge an examination of the record of CHARLES M. TEAGUE. His kind of representation of the people's interest is what the business of this House and our representative government is all about.

He was my friend and I will miss him.

Congress, California, and the Nation—we are all made poorer by his passing.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, when CHARLES TEAGUE died, I lost a good friend. The people of his 13th District of California, however, lost not only a good friend, but a forceful and effective champion. For CHUCK was just that—a friend to everyone who knew him and a dedicated and effective champion of the rights of everyone he represented. Those of us who knew him in the House knew him

for the key role he played in shaping important farm legislation—an area in which he was keenly interested.

But legislation, whatever its impact on the individual, still is somewhat impersonal, and CHUCK TEAGUE was known and will be remembered by his constituents as a man whose concern and interest went far beyond impersonal legislation. His concern for the welfare of his constituents and his efforts on their behalf earned him the respect, admiration, and gratitude of those who sent him to Congress and who returned him to Congress each election year by overwhelming margins. A man who wins not only wide respect, but widespread friendship of the people at home is a man who cannot help but win the friendship of his colleagues. I was proud to count myself not only a collegue of CHUCK TEAGUE, but a friend, and it is as such that I mourn his passing.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, for almost two decades it was my honor to serve in the House of Representatives with the able Congressman from California, CHARLES MCKEVETT TEAGUE.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a kind man and gracious man dedicated to the Congress and to the people he represented.

He will be missed, not only by his family, but by the people of California, and all his friends here in Congress.

Mr. ROYBAL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of personal loss that I join the members of the California delegation in taking special note of the passing of our friend and former colleague, the late CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a dedicated and hard-working legislator who served with distinction for nearly two decades as a Member of the House of Representatives. As ranking Republican member of the Agriculture Committee, he was the leading advocate of American agriculture in the House and will long be remembered as one of our outstanding Congressmen. His unexpected death represents a significant loss to the Congress, the State of California, and the Nation that he loved and served so long and so well.

To his family and friends I extend my sincere sympathy and condolences.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, this tribute to the memory of our colleague, the late CHARLES TEAGUE, is most appropriate. I want to join

in expressing my high regard for him, and in doing so, I reiterate something which I shared with him while he was alive. He knew how much I appreciated his friendship, his guidance, and his counsel. He was aware that I considered it an honor to be one of his colleagues.

"Chuck" Teague and I served together on the Committee on Agriculture. As ranking member of the minority, he provided the direction and leadership which were essential to me and others in realizing our own effectiveness on the committee. He was an expert in agricultural matters and he combined this knowledge with an understanding of the legislative process so that those of us without this same background and experience, had someone upon whom we could lean. He gave freely of his time and he shared his expertise. His contributions to the work of the committee and the legislation it produced, therefore, serve as a memorial to him.

He was a Christian gentleman, a man of his word, and above all, a friend to whom the bonds of friendship were stronger than the superficial amenities which pass as currency in a day-to-day relationship.

These qualities were not lost on his constituency. He served his people well and they responded by keeping him on the job. I know he was looking forward to running again this year. There would be no doubt about his return as the Representative of the 13th District of California.

The work of the Congress goes forward even when such stalwarts as "Chuck" Teague are no longer here to participate in the active direction of that work. We know that Government works a little better, however, because men of his stature have served here and have left their mark upon the process.

Mrs. Baker joins me in sending our condolences to the members of the Charles Teague family. We share this loss of a good man.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked when I was advised of the passing of my good friend and colleague, the Honorable Charles M. Teague.

I had the privilege of working closely with Chuck Teague, for we both held ranking minority positions on the House Committee on Agriculture.

The list of causes he championed during his service in the House of Representatives is indeed a long and impressive one. Some of the

issues he chose to tackle, particularly with respect to the House Committee on Agriculture, were of the controversial nature, still he never failed to take a firm stand if necessary on issues in which he believed. I know, because on many occasions I found myself in his company, out there on the lonely plains of disagreement with one legislative feature or another.

While CHUCK TEAGUE was deeply concerned with agricultural matters, his interests were not limited to such affairs exclusively. He had the reputation for having broad interests in the affairs of Congress, just as he was known to be dedicated to doing a good job in his congressional assignments. All of his colleagues would quickly agree that CHUCK TEAGUE gave his congressional district first class representation in the House of Representatives.

Just as CHUCK TEAGUE kept himself mentally alert, so did he strive to keep himself in top notch physical condition. He was a frequent visitor to the House gymnasium, and I frequently joined with him in lively games of paddle ball. I can reflect on some very enjoyable sessions CHUCK and I spent on the paddle ball court.

In summary, CHUCK TEAGUE was a man committed fully to public life, a real patriot and a fine legislator, along with a splendid personality. He will be deeply missed in this House of Representatives. The vacuum of his absence will, however, be filled, in some part, by the realization of the good things he accomplished while he served in this House Chamber.

I extend my condolence and sympathy to the survivors of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, during our recent recess I was deeply grieved by the passing of CHARLIE TEAGUE, Congressman for over 20 years from my own State of California.

Throughout his distinguished service in the House, Congressman TEAGUE represented the best interests of both his constituents and all Americans. As ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee CHARLIE TEAGUE played an important role in shaping our agriculture policies for many years to come. He worked in a quiet, diligent manner to achieve his objectives.

At the same time CHARLIE TEAGUE was able to see some humor in life's all too serious situations. During floor debate of the agriculture authorization bill last summer, a group called Women United

demonstrated against farm price supports in the House Gallery. They became too boisterous and the Speaker was forced to remove them.

CHARLIE TEAGUE, who also opposed the price supports said to the Speaker that he agreed on the importance of House decorum but, "I am afraid you just threw out my rooting section."

Rooting section or not, one of Mr. TEAGUE's goals was achieved—farm subsidies were reduced and restricted substantially for the first time.

In preserving our environment Congressman TEAGUE was equally effective. In 1971 he led the successful fight to end platform oil drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel. The drilling had earlier destroyed several parts of the beautiful California coastline.

In other conservation issues Congressman TEAGUE also played a significant role. In 1969 he helped defeat the Timber Supply Act—a bill seeking to greatly increase cutting on U.S. Forest Service land. CHARLIE TEAGUE worked closely with conservation groups like the Sierra Club to restore and maintain our finite and precious forest lands.

As a colleague and friend to many in the House of Representatives CHARLIE TEAGUE was highly respected. His dry humor made the House a better place to serve the people of this country. I shall sorely miss him.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I join with many of my colleagues in expressing my deep personal regret over the death of Mr. CHARLES TEAGUE.

I knew CHARLIE less well than most, but will miss his presence as much as others who served with him over the years. As a junior member of this body I only knew him for 1 year, but in that time recognized the qualities that made him the respected, highly qualified, and appreciated leader he was.

My district was struck by a natural disaster many months ago, and the Agriculture Committee considered and reported legislation to authorize emergency aid for the area. CHARLIE TEAGUE did not live near the disaster area but recognized the severity of the blight and acted to aid and protect those affected by it. He was a man who recognized a problem and acted on it promptly, always keeping in mind the interests of those in difficulty, even if he had no prior relations

with them. He was in this sense a great leader and a fair Representative to anyone who asked his assistance.

In many ways CHARLIE represented all that was meant to be by the seniority system in this body. He accumulated invaluable experience and patience, and then shared it and encouraged his young colleagues to pursue the same course. That tradition of continuity is vital to the effectiveness of the Members of this body, and we must thank CHARLIE for all his efforts to sustain and enhance it. His death is a great loss to his colleagues individually, and to their work.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in this eulogy of our late colleague and friend, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California. CHUCK TEAGUE served this body for nearly 20 years with the kind of dedication and determination we all admired and respected.

As the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee and a high ranking member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Congressman TEAGUE made a lasting mark on the legislation enacted over the past two decades in these two important areas.

I extend my personal sympathies to his family and know that the distinguished career of CHARLES TEAGUE will be a cherished memory for them and an example to future Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. MATHIAS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to my friend and colleague, CHARLES "CHUCK" TEAGUE. I knew Congressman TEAGUE to be a dedicated and conscientious Congressman who labored tirelessly to serve the people in his district and the Nation as a whole. He was an admired and respected legislator who was a true friend of the farmer.

As the ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, CHARLES TEAGUE performed a crucial role in the drafting of legislation and he leaves an inspiring record of service on behalf of America's farmers. The committee relied upon his vast knowledge and insights into agriculture during all of our deliberations. His counsel and leadership will be missed.

CHARLES TEAGUE will be remembered not only for his accomplishments in matters concerning agriculture, but also for his compassionate concern for the welfare and security of all Americans.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, it is with a particularly strong sense of personal loss that I take this opportunity to join my colleagues in expressing sorrow at the death of CHARLIE TEAGUE.

The House of Representatives will miss CHARLIE TEAGUE. We will miss the wisdom which he brought to the business of this great body. We will miss the leadership which he exercised so well as the ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. We will miss, most of all, the genuine friendliness and good humor which CHARLIE TEAGUE brought to this Chamber and to every Member of the House.

As an attorney, community leader, and Member of the House, CHARLIE TEAGUE dedicated his life to the service of his fellow man. It was a particular mark of his character that he always had a kind word, a smile, a gesture of friendship.

I would be remiss if I did not, in passing, remark on the particular dedication and wisdom which CHARLIE brought to the task of being the ranking minority member of the Agriculture Committee. CHARLIE devoted extraordinary time and effort to preserving and improving the role of agriculture in our society, and to bettering the lives of farmers across America. Agriculture has lost a great friend, and the Congress great wisdom with his passing.

Finally, a personal note. It was my very great pleasure to have been a personal friend of CHARLIE's over the nearly 20 years he served in this body. I can say that I will surely miss this friendship and I know that there are countless others who feel a similar void. But, and this may be the finest legacy a man can leave, we are all the better for having had the privilege to know CHARLIE TEAGUE.

Mrs. Cederberg and I extend our sincerest sympathy to CHARLIE's children and their families.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Speaker, CHUCK TEAGUE was certainly one of the finest gentlemen in the House and his quiet but very effective manner was most impressive. He had the respect of the Members of the House because of his expertise and deep knowledge of so many subjects of national concern, particularly in the field of our agriculture policy, but he did not try to overwhelm his colleagues by freely expressing any superior knowledge on these matters.

It was quite evident from his manner that he came from an excellent background, both from his family training and his fine educa-

tion, and he was one of the persons with whom I conferred frequently, because of his depth of knowledge and sincerity.

His desire to become a member of the House Agriculture Committee was a natural one, since his family was among the founders of the Sunkist cooperative in California and his father was a pioneer in that State's farm credit program. He was the ranking Republican member of this committee and served our country well in this capacity.

Congressman TEAGUE was also a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and he worked long and hard to improve housing rights for veterans.

He was a diligent, dedicated, hardworking legislator whose first concern always was in supporting what he felt was best for the Nation.

After more than 20 years of loyal service, the Congress and the country shall miss this truly outstanding American. CHUCK TEAGUE was a charming and dependable gentleman; I shall miss him very much in the House.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sadness and shock that I read a wire service report in my hometown newspaper during the Christmas holidays that our former colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, had passed away as the result of a massive heart attack. I realized immediately that there would be a void in the House of Representatives when we reconvened January 21 because we had lost one of our most able and conscientious Members.

Like many of my colleagues, I probably took CHUCK TEAGUE for granted. With his passing, I have lost another stalwart adviser and confidant. Fortunately his wise counsel and wisdom will serve me well in his absence just as it did when he was walking in our presence.

Mr. Speaker, it was my good fortune to serve for 4 years with CHUCK TEAGUE on the Agriculture Committee and for the last 5 years on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. During all of our committee deliberations, his dedication to duty was always evident. He has left his indelible mark for the better on legislation affecting the future welfare of our farmers and former members of the American military.

On a more personal level, I will always remember CHUCK TEAGUE

as a warm and close personal friend. A man of great wit who helped to make each day a little brighter.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to CHUCK's three children who were a very important part of his private life.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in this special order today memorializing our late colleague, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE. His unexpected death in his native Santa Paula, Calif., during the recess came as an immense shock to all of us here and to the 13th Congressional District of California where he served as a diligent and popular representative since 1955. Indeed his tremendous popularity in this district brings to mind the legendary moment in 1958 when he overwhelmingly won his party's nomination as a write-in candidate when aides failed to file enough signatures on his nomination papers. But more than this distinguished service to his own congressional district, CHUCK TEAGUE's passing will be keenly and personally felt in a special way by millions of America's farmers and veterans. The dedicated work of this one man on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee meant a great deal to these two groups of Americans, and his devoted and sensitive service on these committees will be sorely missed. Mr. Speaker, I deeply share the hollow sadness felt by this body at the passing of CHUCK TEAGUE. His quiet wit, his outstanding legislative talents, and his deep and abiding love for his country represent a great personal loss to this House.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, it was a particular shock to learn of the passing of our beloved colleague, Representative CHARLES TEAGUE, of California's 13th District.

It may not be appropriate to say of most of the male Members of this Chamber, that he was a "sweet" man. However, with respect to CHARLIE TEAGUE, it can truly be said that he was both sweet and considerate of those with whom he served during the 20 years of his tenure in this House of Representatives.

There were many legislative issues with which CHARLIE TEAGUE and I found ourselves in close agreement. Typical of his unbiased respect for persons on the basis of their inherent merit, he cooperated closely with me in helping secure passage of the equal rights amend-

ment when that great constitutional issue was debated on the floor of this House.

A popular and much beloved Member of this great body, the Nation as well as all of us who had the privilege of serving with him, have been greatly enriched.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to expressing praise and tribute for Congressman CHARLES TEAGUE, I wish also to extend deep sympathy to his surviving daughters, and other members of his family.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring the memory of Congressman CHARLES TEAGUE of California. All of us in Congress regarded him highly, and our judgment was vigorously supported by his constituents in the 13th District of California who returned him to the House of Representatives by substantial victory margins.

The ranking Republican on the House Committee on Agriculture and the third ranking Republican on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, CHUCK's intellectual abilities and complete dedication enabled him to play a significant role in the formulation of key legislation far beyond the influence available to a man of even his seniority. Perhaps the phrase "balanced judgment" most accurately describes his essential legislative and personal qualities.

Two bills which he cosponsored just before his death, H.R. 1207, which would protect certain lands from the ravages of fire, and H.R. 11864, which would provide for the early development and commercial demonstration of solar heating and cooling technology, in addition to his well-articulated remarks on such issues as trade reform and the energy crisis, illustrate the breadth of his many interests.

Mr. Speaker, both his constituents and the House of Representatives have suffered a substantial detriment. I extend to his widow, children, and eight grandchildren my heartfelt sympathy over their personal loss.

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects as a Member of Congress to the late CHARLES TEAGUE, Member of Congress from California. He served his Government and the people of the United States from his election to Congress in 1954. He was an outstanding lawyer and he brought a lawyer's skills to the Congress and the record of the last 19 years bears witness to his skills and dedication.

He was an outstanding Representative because he was close to his constituency and brought their concerns to the attention of official Washington.

There are those who say that a Congressman should visualize in his own mind what the national interest is and then vote that national interest regardless of his constituents' views. They are wrong as most purists are, because each Member of Congress can only visualize the national interest by grappling with the interests of his constituents. In this way he is always in touch with reality, and only reality serves as a basis for thought.

Congressman TEAGUE kept the national trust and served the interests of his constituents both. He was a reasonable man who never deviated in all the years of his service from commonsense.

When such a man dies, there is a gap left in the ranks of the Congress similar to the fall of a great tree. It will take many years before others will fill his place.

I will miss CHARLES TEAGUE as a friend. I will miss him as a colleague. I will miss his professionalism as a Congressman.

I express my sympathy and regrets to his family who have suffered a great loss; yet I know that they find some solace in the pride they must feel in a father who finished the course with his honor and record of service immaculate.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Speaker, CHUCK TEAGUE's death will be sorely grieved by the Congress and by the House Agriculture Committee in particular. It was there that his background in agribusiness and his desire to see a highly competitive, efficient agriculture rather than a subsidized one made him a strong spokesman for the American farmer. As ranking Republican of that committee, he proved himself a worthy and able proponent of forward-looking legislation.

But CHUCK's strength was felt beyond agricultural matters. As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he was instrumental in improving housing rights for veterans. Part of my deep personal feeling for CHUCK grew out of this unwavering support for the Atlantic Union which I have supported for many years.

CHUCK was always decent, fair, and totally dedicated in the 19 years he represented his native State in Congress. His death is a loss not only to California, the Congress, and the Agriculture Committee, but to me personally.

Mr. QUIE. Mr. Speaker, when I first came to Congress nearly 16 years ago, I met CHARLES TEAGUE through our work with the House Committee on Agriculture. We became good friends and working parners as we sat next to each other in committee meetings. During my years of service there, my respect for him grew and extended as I watched him in the House as well.

Not only will the Agriculture Committee miss his fine leadership, but the Veterans' Affairs Committee will as well. It is with sadness that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to one of California's finest Members. The House of Representatives will long remember his outsanding years of service.

Mr. PRICE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the memory of Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE. His passing is truly a great loss to all Americans.

Congressman TEAGUE and I served on the Agriculture Committee together for 7 years and I will never forget all the guidance and advice he gave me during my freshman days as a Congressman. As the ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee, CHUCK was a leading advocate of a free agriculture program as opposed to a subsidized one. Although our views on agriculture programs were not always in accord, I respected his judgment and views.

Another thing I will always admire CHUCK for, was his never ending support of a free American enterprise system. He not only worked for this goal in agricultural matters, but in the overwhelming majority of the legislation which he considered and voted on.

I am deeply saddened by Congressman TEAGUE's death and will miss him greatly not only in the Agriculture Committee, but also in the Congress. His district, State, and our Nation have lost an outstanding man and legislator.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying homage and tribute to our late colleague and friend, CHUCK TEAGUE.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to have served with CHUCK during his 19 years of distinguished service here in the House will always remember him as a quiet but skillful and respected legislator. Indeed, none of us will ever forget CHUCK's fine sense of humor,

his work on behalf of our Nation's veterans, or his devotion to American agriculture.

We will all miss CHUCK. America has lost a Congressman who was tireless in his devotion to his constituents. The death of CHUCK TEAGUE is a great loss for us all.

Mr. Speaker, Rita and I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to CHUCK's family. Our prayers are with them.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving in the U.S. House of Representatives is the friends that one makes through the years. It becomes even more pleasant when friendships are made with Members from different parts of this Nation.

Some are endowed with the virtues of kindness, honesty, and compassion perhaps more than others. When we attempt to list those who have the admiration and respect of their fellow Members, then the name of the late CHUCK TEAGUE will always appear among the top.

His almost 20 years as a Member of the House will cause him to be missed by many. His service as the ranking minority member was outstanding. Although he and I were members of different political parties, I always found him to be fair, impartial, and a very effective leader.

It is with sadness that I join with other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in paying tribute to the service and the memory of the late CHUCK TEAGUE.

Mr. WIDNALL. Mr. Speaker, I was very much saddened recently to learn of the sudden death of Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE on New Year's Day, while visiting his son Alan, the mayor of Santa Paula, Calif. I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to this fine leader.

The President said his passing is a "significant loss to the U.S. Congress." The Vice President lauded him "for his delication to the best interests of the American farmer," and Bob Michel said "he typified the best in American politics today." To lose a man of this caliber at this time in our history is tragic.

CHUCK was ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee and senior Republican on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and legislation coming from these committees has borne his stamp for a long

time. His interest in conservation and the environment is well known, as he served for years on the Conservation and Credit Subcommittee.

CHUCK was a friend and colleague for 19 years, and his gentle humor and quick wit will be sorely missed. We all mourn his passing. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. ZWACH. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Congressman CHARLES TEAGUE of California.

It was my privilege and pleasure to serve with him on two committees, Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs.

In addition to the dedication and expertise he displayed as a member of these committees, he was a sound conservationist and a strong supporter of environmental efforts.

Congressman's TEAGUE's passing is a significant loss to all of America, a loss we can ill afford.

Mrs. Zwach joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved members of his family.

Mr. MINSHALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, during the recent adjournment I was shocked and greatly saddened by the news of the sudden death on January 1 of my very dear friend and distinguished colleague, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California.

Just a few weeks before, CHUCK TEAGUE and I had joked about being the only two members of the Republican 84th Club, elected to Congress in 1954 and serving consecutive terms thereafter, who remained in the House. Other colleagues had retired, been defeated, gone to the Senate or to high public office. Finally, only CHUCK and I remained of the band of GOP freshmen first sworn in in January 1955. It became a standing joke between the two of us that we would alternate as president of the diminished 84th Club, that we would hold our meetings in a phone booth, and so forth.

Now he is gone. It is very difficult to accept the fact that one so relatively young, so full of energy, talent, and wit, a man with a true joy of living, has left us. Congressman TEAGUE's passing has deprived this House of a legislator of uncommon ability, his constituents of conscientious service, our Nation's farmers and veterans of a strong voice on both the Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs Committees, and Americans everywhere of a valuable statesman and patriot.

Mrs. Minshall and I extend our deepest personal sympathy to his bereaved family.

Mr. MAYNE. Mr. Speaker, CHARLES M. "CHUCK" TEAGUE served in the House of Representatives with conscientiousness, wisdom, and integrity over the past 19 years. His sudden death earlier this month was certainly a great loss to the Members of Congress, to his constituents whom he served so well, and indeed to our whole Nation. His honest, hard-working form of representation will be an inspiration for years to come for all of us who have had the privilege of working with him.

It was my good fortune to have served with Congressman TEAGUE on the House Agriculture Committee over the past 7 years. I am particularly grateful for his many kindnesses to me as a freshman member of the committee when I first came to the Congress in 1967. I marveled at the patience and helpfulness he unfailingly showed to me and other junior Members. As the then second ranking minority member of the committee he offered us steady and much needed counsel and guidance. He continued to display these fine qualities through the ensuing years, and they became even more evident when he assumed the post of ranking minority Member in the 93d Congress. His capabilities as a legislator and his interest in American agriculture will be sorely missed by all the committee's members. It has been a great privilege to serve on the committee under his leadership during the past year.

Some of my fondest memories of CHUCK's friendship are from an Agriculture Committee trip we made with other members of the committee to Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan in November 1972. His kind, considerate, gentlemanly ways made him an ideal traveling companion, always considerate of others in the official party and deeply concerned about the problems of threatening mass starvation in the countries we visited. Truly CHUCK TEAGUE proved on that trip that he was a great humanitarian as well as a distinguished statesman. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and to the people of the 13th District of California in their loss and bereavement.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues and the Nation in paying tribute to an outstanding Congressman. The Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California was a truly dedicated public servant and our land is saddened by his sudden passing.

Congressman TEAGUE was first elected to the 84th Congress of the United States in 1954, after serving as an officer in the Army Air

Corps and a successful lawyer in California. As a Representative he served his people well, and they reelected him to each succeeding Congress. CHARLES TEAGUE worked hard during his nearly 20 years in the House, and earned the well deserved respect of his fellow Members on both sides of the aisle.

CHARLES was an exceptional lawmaker. His skill was always evident as he shepherded agricultural and veterans affairs legislation through the House. Veterans and farmers in the 13th District of California, and across this Nation, owe a debt of gratitude to his unfailing efforts on their behalf.

Congressman TEAGUE served his district and his Nation with dedication and enthusiasm. He is missed by his constituents, his staff, and all of us in Congress. I will long remember my association with him.

CHARLES was a devoted family man, and I extend my sincerest sympathies to his family. I trust that many fine memories of this upright man will sustain them, and us, in this sad hour

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the untimely death early on New Year's Day of my good friend and colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California.

From the time I was elected to the 90th Congress, it was my privilege to have served with CHUCK TEAGUE on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. During 4 of those years, from 1969 through 1972, he was the ranking Republican member of the committee. The knowledge of veterans' affairs and the experience he had acquired during 19 years of service on this committee will be sorely missed. I, for one; have been enriched by my association with this distinguished gentleman.

A lawyer by profession, TEAGUE was a quiet man. With a minimum of verbiage, he always made his position clear. A true gentleman, possessing a sense of humor and a dry wit, he was well liked and respected by his associates.

Though he ultimately chose to be ranking member of the Committee on Agriculture, TEAGUE's interest in veterans affairs did not wane. He participated in all deliberations of the committee until the sine die adjournment of the 1st session of the 93d Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the people of California's 13th District have lost an effective, and dedicated Representative and I have lost a dear friend. To his family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Speaker, I share with my colleagues the sadness occasioned by the death of CHARLES TEAGUE. He was recognized as one of the most able and influential Members of this body. Above all, he was a patriotic, dedicated American who put the welfare of the country above everything else. This Nation desperately needs more men in Congress of the caliber of CHARLES TEAGUE.

To the survivors I extend my profound sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. TOWELL of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, it was my pleasure to become acquainted with the late CHARLES TEAGUE during the first session of the 93d Congress. Being a freshman Congressman, I valued greatly CHUCK TEAGUE's insight and leadership qualities, which he was always willing to share with me. I found him to be a complete gentleman—never losing his perspective during the times of emotional debate on the House floor. He will be greatly missed by the entire freshman class and, indeed, by the entire Congress.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, it was a shock for all of us to learn of the sudden death of Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE during the holiday recess.

CHUCK and I were first elected to Congress on November 2, 1954, and it was my privilege to serve with him over the past 19 years. During that period he rose to become ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture and senior minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. His dedicated work on these committees, particularly in the areas of conservation and veterans' housing, earned him the respect of all his colleagues. He was a man of his convictions and was looked to as a prime exponent of free agriculture in America.

California and the Nation have suffered a great loss in the death of CHUCK TEAGUE. I extend my sincere sympathy to his family.

Mr. SARASIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of loss that I join my colleagues in paying respect to the memory of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE and in extending my sympathies to his family.

For 19 years, Congressman TEAGUE served in this Chamber, dedicated to the needs of the residents of the 13th district of California and to the interests of an honest government and a strong nation. He believed in the principles upon which our heritage is based—

truly representative government effected by the balance which is necessary for stability.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a hard-working legislator, typifying the best in American politics. His quiet manner often belied his determination, but his strength and effectiveness were apparent to all of us who knew and worked with him.

Best known for his contributions to American agriculture, CHARLES TEAGUE focused his efforts on maintaining free rather than subsidized agriculture. Having served on the House Agriculture Committee during most of his tenure in office, eventually attaining the position of ranking Republican, he provided devoted and conscientious service to the farmers of our country and did much to shape American farm legislation.

Conservationists and environmentalists will also deeply miss the presence of Mr. TEAGUE. Through his work on the Conservation and Credit Subcommittee, he aided many programs and was also responsible for the implementation of the Interior Department ban on new oil drilling platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel, precipitated by the damaging oilspill of 1968.

CHARLES TEAGUE was concerned over all matters that affected his constituents, whether on the Federal, State, or local level. He was active in community affairs, serving as president of the Ventura County Community Chest, the Ventura Rotary Club, and the Ojai Valley School Board of Trustees. Prior to his election to Congress he also served as president of the Ventura County Republican Assembly.

Congressman TEAGUE contributed his dedication, hard work, and intelligence to the formulation of national legislation for almost two decades. Highlighting this was his sense of humor which was quietly interjected, often at surprising moments, throughout his career.

CHARLES M. TEAGUE will be missed in this body, by those of us who had the opportunity to work with him and know of his devotion, and by those who he so ably served over the years.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and join with my colleagues in memory of our late friend and colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

In my brief tenure in the 93d Congress, I came to know CHUCK TEAGUE fairly well. He was a great legislator who always worked

diligently for what he thought was in the best interests not only for his district but also for the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, CHUCK TEAGUE will be sorely missed in this great body. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. DANIELSON. Mr. Speaker, we have all been saddened by the loss of our friend and colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE. A Member of Congress for 19 years, CHUCK TEAGUE will be greatly missed here on Capitol Hill.

I first got to know CHUCK as a fellow Representative from southern California when I arrived in Washington as a freshmen Congressman. I will always be grateful for the advice and assistance he gave me at that time. I also had the pleasure of working with CHUCK TEAGUE on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, where his experience and expertise made a great contribution to meeting the responsibilities of the committee. He was very helpful to me in the work of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

But CHUCK TEAGUE was much more to me than a helpful senior Member. He was a good friend whose presence here I will sorely miss.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of CHARLES M. TEAGUE the farmers of America have lost a powerful friend and I have lost a personal friend.

Since I came to this House in 1965, I served with CHARLES TEAGUE on the Agriculture Committee, of which he was ranking minority member at the time of his death. In 1965 he already had been a Member of the House for 10 years. His experience and knowledge were most helpful to me as a freshman and during the years since then.

Never flamboyant, Congressman TEAGUE was dedicated to the interests of farm producers. He worked hard and effectively to advance those interests. He was an outstanding legislator. He will be missed in his district and State and in the Nation. He will be missed by all of us who were privileged to serve with him here.

Mr. MARTIN of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, in the recent death of CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California the House has lost a valued, able Member and I have lost a close, personal friend. I would classify CHARLIE TEAGUE as a Member's Member. One who is held in the

highest esteem by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; an effective Representative of his district, but one who gave first consideration to the welfare of his country.

As a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee and a senior member on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, CHARLIE TEAGUE contributed, over the years, a great deal to the benefit of agriculture and to the well being of our millions of veterans.

CHARLIE and Marge were college sweethearts, and throughout their many years of marriage, until Marge's unfortunate death, they were extremely devoted and close to one another. Mrs. Martin and I were with them many times on social occasions and we both always were enlightened by their companionship.

I extend my condolences to their three children: Alan, Norma Teague Potter, and Judith Teague Kenyon.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of our distinguished colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE, has left me with a great sense of loss and sadness.

I admired him for his honesty, integrity, and conviction, and counted him as a personal friend. He dedicated his public life to his country and his constituents, and his distinguished legislative record is testimony to this dedication. The House will miss his leadership greatly.

"CHUCK" TEAGUE represented the best in American politics. His work in the agriculture field as the ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee earned him a well-deserved reputation as the leading advocate of American agriculture in Congress. American agriculture owes a great deal to this man who throughout his years in Congress dedicated himself to the best interests of the American farmer.

In addition, he aided in many conservation and environmental programs. His courageous fight for controls on offshore oil drilling was instrumental in saving many of the Nation's beaches from the threat of pollution.

Mr. Speaker, CHUCK TEAGUE's death is a great loss to his home State of California, to the Congress, and to the country he so honorably and ably served. I join my fellow Members in offering my condolences to his family during their time of grief.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to pay tribute to our departed colleague and my good friend "CHUCK" TEAGUE, who was an outstanding Member of Congress, a devoted public servant and a loving father.

I first came to know CHUCK when he was a State official in the American Legion and I was active in State political affairs as a member of the assembly. At that time, I recognized him as a man with unusual abilities—leadership, integrity, and intelligence—and with great love for his fellow man and country.

While CHUCK was successful in every endeavor, he had the quality of being able to poke fun at himself and not take his triumphs too seriously. His dry wit and keen sense of humor were attributes that served him well in his dealings with people.

In the Congress, CHUCK was a respected and influential Member, due largely to his hard work and intense study, but also, due to his ability to instantly detect salient points and to relate his findings in precise language, well understood by all. As an expert in farming and agricultural matters, he was looked upon as a spokesman for commonsense in farm programs. We worked together to show the waste of the subsidy system that paid agribusiness not to produce crops, and we worked to eliminate this program that drained the Federal Treasury of billions of dollars each year.

In working for programs for our Nation, I often sought CHUCK's advice, counsel, and support, and I appreciate the help he always offered. While we sometimes differed on approaches, we rarely differed on objectives.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a warm, decent individual who served the people of California and the Nation in a manner which could only bring respect to himself and to the Congress. We who knew him well miss his guidance and his friendship, and the Nation will miss his wise counsel.

My wife Lee joins me in extending our sincere sympathy to his son Alan of Santa Paula, his daughters, Mrs. Norma Potter of Washington, and Mrs. Judith Kenyon of Santa Rosa, and his eight grandchildren.

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of our distinguished colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE, we suffer the loss of a valued friend and compatriot. His qualities and talents as an effective legislator

manifested themselves by his handling the demanding responsibilities of his congressional committee assignments with intelligence and insight. He will always be remembered for his conscientious efforts in behalf of his country and fellow man.

In this time of great loss, Mrs. Rogers joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to join today in paying special tribute to our good friend and colleague, the late Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California, who died on January 1, 1974.

Since 1945, CHARLES TEAGUE represented the 13th Congressional District of California in the Congress. He was the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee and a senior Republican member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He will long be remembered for his capable and effective interest in American agriculture and for his many years of devoted service on the House Agriculture Committee, as well as for his service to veterans and his efforts in their behalf on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. He was well known for his efforts to maintain free as opposed to subsidized agriculture and these efforts were considered very effective. He also took a strong stand toward aiding conservation and environmental programs.

He was one of those responsible for bringing about an Interior Department ban on new oil drilling platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel in 1971. There had been heavily damaging oil gushing from a drilling platform there.

TEAGUE was a natural choice to serve on the Agriculture Committee. His family was among the founders of the Sunkist cooperative in California, and his father was a pioneer in that State's farm credit program.

The death of CHARLES TEAGUE represents a significant loss to the U.S. Congress, to his home State of California, and to the Nation he served so long and so well. I join my colleagues in extending deepest sympathy to Congressman TEAGUE's family and assure them he will long remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, one of the noblest men ever to sit in the House of Representatives has left our ranks with the death of our colleague CHUCK TEAGUE.

For 19 years he served his constituents and our country with a strong dedication to duty and with a unique understanding of the problems of the American farmer and the American veteran. His amiable presence and soft-spoken intellect endeared him to those of us who worked with him through the years. Yet, behind that gentle air was a true leader and an energetic legislator who always sought ways to resolve a problem. Several years ago, when brush and forest fires blackened thousands of acres of southern California back country, a few of us from that region gathered to find ways to improve fire prevention and firefighting technique employed by the U.S. Forest Service. We needed a leader for this cause and it was CHUCK TEAGUE to whom we turned. Today more is being done than ever before to strengthen the Forest Service's fire prevention and fighting capability. This could not have been accomplished without the persistence of our dear friend CHUCK TEAGUE. This is only a single small example of the service he gave to our country.

I will miss him as a friend, and his absence from this body will be felt for a long time.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of our colleague CHARLES TEAGUE during the recess. I shall always value the recollection of the assistance and encouragement he extended to me when I first came to this body and the friendship that developed over the years.

CHARLIE was unfailingly helpful to me in matters involving veterans' affairs and agriculture. In the latter area, his views on the strength of the free-market concept have stood the test of time. He was interested as well in matters involving our national forests, and last summer I was delighted to find him sitting in at a hearing of the Forests Subcommittee on a piece of legislation I had introduced.

As ranking or senior member of two major committees—Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs—he made a contribution of quiet effectiveness of a sort which often gains little notice outside this body.

But he had the respect of his colleagues and, obviously, that of his constituents who elected him to 10 terms in the House. This doubtless was satisfaction enough to a man of his character and should serve as a source of consolation to his bereaved family, to whom I extend my condolences.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, CHUCK and I came to Congress together for the first time on January 3, 1955, and from that moment we became close friends working together for the betterment of California and the Nation.

Five years ago, I joined CHUCK as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, from which vantage point we could work together for the benefit of California's largest industry, approaching it as a State problem jointly rather than on a partisan basis.

His distinguished service will be sorely missed by me personally, California, the country as a whole, and sadly of course, his grieving family.

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in expressing the deep sorrow we feel in losing our colleague from Santa Paula, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

Over the last 3 years I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. TEAGUE, and I found him to be a fair and sensitive man.

Despite our obvious political differences, I came to know CHARLES TEAGUE as an extremely professional person, and a man dedicated to helping persons all over the country. My district and I will particularly remember the strong support he provided last year when we attempted to secure legislative relief from a natural disaster in the Oakland-Berkeley hills.

I mourn his loss to us, to his constituents, and to the country.

Mr. HOSMER. Mr. Speaker, a lot will be said today, and rightly so, about CHARLIE TEAGUE, a man of the people, a man who sought to help others. He richly deserves that reputation because he did in fact devote long hours of hard work to understand the needs of his constituents and achieve close, personal contact with them.

CHARLIE TEAGUE was an effective Congressman. He came to the Congress in the early 1950's. I have watched him grow in stature through the years. He was well regarded by all of us. A lot of people probably do not know how very effective CHARLIE was as a legislator because he went about his business quietly and unobtrusively. However, when he felt strongly about an issue, or wanted to have his

constituency's views represented, he knew how to buttonhole all of us and get the job done. Yet, he never abused that relationship and friendship he had with the Members. He never overdid it.

I will miss his sense of humor, too. He had a knack for easing tensions with private little jokes between the Members. His technique was to make a nickname fit a particular situation or trait to lampoon his friends, so that if he happened to shellac a particularly good player in paddle tennis, he called him "Clumsy" from then on.

Perhaps we will remember him best in Congress as the ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee. During his service on that committee he played a key role in shaping important farm legislation.

In the overall, CHARLIE TEAGUE was a statesman and a gentleman. I will miss his good counsel. A man has to be judged by the legacy he leaves posterity. On that point, I was particularly impressed by an article which appeared in the Cararillo, Calif., Daily News on January 4, 1974. It reflects what the people back home thought of CHARLES TEAGUE. I am pleased to include it among my own reminiscences.

The article follows:

WE'LL MISS CHUCK TEAGUE

The fact that Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE was elected time and time again—often by overwhelming margins—and yet was not one of the most nationally known Members of Congress probably says a lot for the kind of Congressman TEAGUE was.

TEAGUE was not in Congress to further a national political career, to grab as many national headlines as possible or to make a name for himself.

He was in Congress to serve the people of the 13th Congressional District.

That he did extremely well.

We commented in this space a few months ago about the fact that constituents could always depend on requests they made of the Congressman being acted upon.

CHUCK TEAGUE had a special knack for seeing that his constituents were served by their Congressman and his office.

The Teague staff was well indoctrinated with the Congressman's theory that he was in Washington to serve the people of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

Few people ever had a bad word for TEAGUE. Even his opponents over the years found it difficult to find a great many things to argue with the Congressman about other than the party line situation.

The fact that TEAGUE ran so strong against Democratic opponents even in so-called Democratic years also illustrated the popularity of the Congressman.

A lot of Members of Congress are better known nationally than CHARLES TEAGUE. But we doubt seriously that any member could boast of knowing and being really "known" by a greater percentage of his constituents.

Congressmen who contend that Congress shouldn't have been home during the three week period they're spending there currently, while work waits in Washington, don't win too many votes with the do-gooders in the Nation's capital, but residents of TEAGUE's district knew that if the Congressman said that he meant it. He wasn't seeking headlines. He simply felt that Congress should be working instead of vacationing.

The Santa Paula auditorium where funeral services are to be held today for the Congressman following his unexpected death at the home of his son New Year's Day can't possibly hold the thousands of friends CHARLES TEAGUE had in his congressional district.

There are literally legions of residents of the district who will mourn the death of Congressman TEAGUE. There's not a building or even a stadium in the area that would hold them.

TEAGUE's successor may be an extremely effective Congressman, he may make more headlines and accomplish all kinds of other things, but he'll have to fill some very, very big shoes before he's regarded any more highly by his constituents than the late CHARLES TEAGUE.

Being so highly thought of by the people who know you best is an accomplishment for any man.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with real sorrow that I join my colleagues today in commenting on the sudden passing of our colleague, CHUCK TEAGUE of California. He was a friend of many of us, and we shall miss him.

Although CHUCK TEAGUE seldom made headlines during his years of service in the House, he was an able and conscientious legislator. He was consistently patient, courteous and concerned with the many problems which came his way. His many friends here on the Hill, Democrats and Republicans alike, have lost a man who brought distinction to the Congress in which he served.

Mr. MIZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join in tribute to a man whose passing was a great loss to the Congress he loved so much, to the farmer he worked for so long, and to the country he served so well.

The man, of course, is our late beloved colleague CHARLES TEAGUE of California.

It was my honor and privilege to serve with CHUCK TEAGUE for 5 years on the Committee on Agriculture, which he helped lead in such an effective way, especially in this 93d Congress when he assumed the position of ranking Republican member of the committee.

Even the circumstance of his ascension to that post gives powerful evidence of CHUCK TEAGUE's concern for the American farmer.

At the beginning of the Congress in January of last year, CHUCK TEAGUE was faced with an enviable but difficult decision: He had risen to the position of ranking member of two committees, but under our rules, could not accept both responsibilities.

And so he gave up his ranking member status on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where he had served with such great distinction, to take the same position on the Agriculture Committee—certainly not because he cared less for our veterans, but because he was a farmer himself, knew at first hand the problems and potentials of the American farmer, and thought his own background and experience better suited him to the leadership of the Agriculture Committee.

None of us, especially those of us who served with him on the Agriculture Committee, can ever forget his incessant urgings for the elimination of the farm subsidy program in favor of returning the farmer to the marketplace for his price on commodities.

This was a cause he championed with increasing success in recent years, but it is only one of the memories we will hold of this man who meant so much to all of us.

He has left a lasting impression on American agriculture, and his contribution to this field has benefitted—and will continue to benefit—the American people in so many ways.

We shall miss him, of course, and we mourn his passing, but we rejoice in the fact that his was a long and full and productive life devoted to the service of his fellow man. His family has our deepest sympathy, and his country owes him its profound thanks and admiration.

Mr. HANSEN of Idaho. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound sadness and a deep sense of personal loss that I learned of the news of the passing of our colleague CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California. He

was one of the most talented lawmakers and dedicated public servants to serve in the body.

CHARLES TEAGUE brought to the office he filled with such great distinction a unique combination of abilities and personal traits. He had a quiet and pleasant manner and a ready smile. He held strong convictions, but listened with tolerance and respect to those who held different views. His private life, as well as his public service, reflected the highest standards.

The passing of CHARLIE TEAGUE is a loss not only to the people of his district that he served so faithfuly, but to the entire Nation that benefitted so greatly from his leadership. His exceptional service has reflected much credit on his home State of California and on the Congress of the United States.

He will be greatly missed, by those of us who came to know and love him and by the Nation that has been enriched by his life and service.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, we have lost a true friend and gentleman. Our colleague CHUCK TEAGUE was not only a man of great ability, he was also a man of dedication and integrity.

CHUCK TEAGUE would accept nothing but the best effort, both from himself and from those he worked with. He worked hard, he persevered, to get he truth, to get the best possible legislation. And in all this, I especially remember his great sense of humor and his zeal for his job and for living.

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, CHUCK TEAGUE was particularly helpful to me on many occasions—advising me and assisting me with agricultural legislation so important to the State of Florida.

We will certainly miss the gentleman from California who for almost 20 years served his district, his State, and his Nation so well.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the death of CHARLES TEAGUE and Mrs. Walsh and I join in extending our sympathies to his family.

His passing causes me to feel a personal loss because of his kindness when I first came to Washington. As a senior member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he took the time and made the effort to make

freshmen members feel at home. He was not only kind, but helpful. Congressman TEAGUE was always ready to answer a freshman's questions or explain the why's and wherefore's of committee action.

The American farmer should also feel a great loss because CHARLES TEAGUE was the champion of the farmer. As ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, he constantly argued against strong Government intervention in agriculture and in favor of relying on free market mechanisms.

TEAGUE's contributions to farming are perhaps best illustrated by the tributes of those who knew him.

President Nixon—

He will be remembered most especially for his interest in American agriculture and for his many years of devoted service to the House Agriculture Committee.

Vice President Ford—

American agriculture owes a great deal to him for his dedication to the best interests of the American farmer.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a quiet man, who attracted little national attention, but played an important role in the House. He had a gentle sense of humor.

Most of all, he typified the best in American politics. He was a hardworking and dedicated lawmaker and what was best for the country was his prime concern. He will be missed.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress lost a dedicated leader with the passing of CHARLES M. TEAGUE. We all looked to CHUCK for his leadership in agriculture. But we also counted on him when it came to sound fiscal policy. In this day when the country has accelerated its inflation spending and Congress has led the way downhill through deficit financing, it was great to always count on CHUCK TEAGUE and his keen concern for sound economy.

He has served the 13th District well for 10 strong and faithful terms. In this moment of sadness for his family, we all join in extending to them the deepest sympathy for the loss of our good friend, CHUCK TEAGUE. We know that they will share, as we do, the pride in his tremendous record of service to his country since the first days he responded with his election to the U.S. Congress on November 2, 1954.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I speak today as one who is sorely grieved by the depletion of our ranks by the death of our colleague CHARLES M. TEAGUE early this month.

Although we represented districts a continent apart, we had areas of common interest. In his almost two decades as a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, CHARLES TEAGUE amply demonstrated his concern for and commitment to our Nation's former military men and women, a concern and commitment that I share.

In this area, and from his position as ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee, he made his mark here in Washington. But his ability as a Representative of his 13th California District matched his legislative achievements.

A quiet man, not one to court headlines, CHARLES TEAGUE was a tireless worker on behalf of his constituents. He was meticulous in his attention to their problems.

I join my colleagues today on both sides of the aisle in mourning the passing of a distinguished public servant, CHARLES TEAGUE.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt sympathy to his son, Mayor Alan Teague of Santa Paula, Calif., his daughters, Norma Potter, and Judith Denyon, and his grandchildren.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, removes from our midst one of our finest.

CHUCK was one of the first men I met when I came to the Congress and I came to know him as a warm friend.

As the ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, he made significant contributions to this Nation and our agricultural economy. Since agriculture is such an important part of my district, I came to count on him for advice and counsel on a number of matters most important to me and my people.

At his passing, he was in his 20th year of service as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He was a good Congressman—one who was concerned about his people and their welfare.

He leaves three children and a host of friends. I am one of the latter.

I shall miss those visits with him and having the benefit of his counsel. Congress has lost one of its finest and I have lost a very dear friend.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, I, like so many of my colleagues, was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the death of our colleague from California, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, who died on New Year's Day at the age of 64. His death truly deprives the House of Representatives of one of its finest and most respected Members.

Word of his death brought forth expressions of sympathy from the highest levels of government. Both President Nixon and Vice President Ford paid glowing tributes to this fine man who so ably represented the 13th District of California.

In his 20 years of service, CHARLES TEAGUE built a most distinguished record of service and achievement. He was particularly noted for his work as the ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee. In addition, he was an active worker on behalf of veterans, and as the senior member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I sought out his advice on several occasions, and found his expertise and knowledge of veterans' affairs unparalleled.

In addition, CHARLES TEAGUE was a leading spokesman in the fight to preserve and protect our environment. For years he was the ranking member of the Agriculture Committee's Conservation and Credit Subcommittee. One of his more notable accomplishments was the obtaining of a ban against oil drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel in 1971.

It was a privilege and honor for me to have known and served with CHARLES TEAGUE. His dedication and integrity made him an exemplary public servant and Congressman. His sense of humor was also well known to many of us who served with him, and all of his fine characteristics will be conspicuously absent on the House floor.

It has been my distinct honor to take part in this special order for CHARLES M. TEAGUE. I extend my deepest sympathies to the members of his family, and assure them that their loss is shared by many Americans.

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin the second session of the 93d Congress, we do so without a good friend and colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE.

CHARLES TEAGUE served the people of California with distinction, and his passing has created a void in Congress that will be difficult to fill.

CHARLES TEAGUE was more than just a fellow member of the California delegation to me.

He was among the most helpful Members to me when I first came to Congress in 1961.

He helped me immensely with many invaluable suggestions in those critical early months.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a man of very great character.

He had much sadness in his life, but you could never tell it by the way he conducted himself on the floor of the House.

I shall always remember him as an extremely courageous, kind, warm, and sympathetic man. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sorrow that I join my colleagues today in mourning the loss of Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE. We are all saddened by his sudden passing.

In the years that CHUCK TEAGUE and I served together in the House I found him to be a dedicated and hard-working Member. His was perhaps one of the best attendance records both in committee and House proceedings that I have seen in Congress. Our philosophies of government were different. In fact, we often opposed each other over issues on the House floor.

Despite our differences on political issues, I had respect for CHUCK TEAGUE's opinion—particularly in the area of veterans' affairs, on which committee he served so energetically. He always contributed full and forthright comments with complete candor. I admire that in a man.

I found, however, that this trait was not CHUCK TEAGUE's greatest virtue. He was also a generous and good man. His humanity was his overriding characteristic. While we in the House will miss his articulate, probing comment on the problems that now face us, all those who knew him are now the poorer for the passing of a warm, totally committed man. The people of the 13th Congressional District have lost a vigorous and outstanding Representative in these Halls since his passing.

Both Mrs. Boland and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to his family on this sad occasion.

Mr. HOGAN. Mr. Speaker, the start of the second session of the 93d Congress does not seem the same without one of our most re-

spected Republican colleagues, CHARLES TEAGUE, who recently passed away.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a man of quiet confidence and rare ability who represented California's 13th Congressional District with competence and dedication. He was perhaps best known for his work on behalf of the American farmer where he consistently gained high recognition from the National Farmer's Union.

He held the No. 2 Republican position on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee where he was active in increasing veterans benefits and was largely responsible for improved veterans' housing rights.

Congressman TEAGUE was first elected to the 84th Congress and was elected to each succeeding Congress by an overwhelming majority.

I deeply regret the passing of our esteemed colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE, but I know that the people of his district can be proud of the service he has rendered not only to them but to the people of our entire Nation as well.

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to join my fellow Members of Congress in expressing my profound sense of loss at the passing of CHARLES M. TEAGUE, late a Representative to Congress from the 13th District of California.

Congressman TEAGUE, ranking member of the House Committee on Agriculture, expressed his prime interest of what was best for this country through his dedication and integrity in his work. He was a man widely respected for his honesty and capabilities to legislate.

CHARLES TEAGUE leaves a record of conscientious pursuit of those principles of good government he believed in so strongly. His valuable contribution to the field of agriculture is especially felt in the district I represent, where farming is a major contributor to the economy.

Mr. Speaker, I feel it was a privilege to have the opportunity to serve with him in Congress these past 13 years. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to his family, and to the citizens of the 13th District. He was a good friend to us all, and his passing is a sad event.

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying a justly deserved tribute to our late friend and associate, Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE. The people of the

13th District of California will be hard put to find a Representative as hard working and as diligent in representing their interests.

I first knew of CHARLES TEAGUE as a result of his family's tradition of public service. His father was the president of the California Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Federal Farm Board under President Hoover. His son, Alan, is the mayor of Santa Paula, Calif., and his daughter, Norma, married a Los Angeles city councilman.

Congressman TEAGUE was not one to seek attention or publicity. His activity as a Member of this body was characterized by working quietly but effectively with other Members of the House on the floor and in committee. An illustration of the effectiveness of this approach was his success in getting the Casistas Dam project authorized, appropriated, and built all within 2 years.

Over the years, I knew CHARLIE as a formidable paddle ball opponent, as a fellow member of the Agriculture Committee—on which he served 19 years—and as a fellow member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee where we served together for 8 years. His dedication to the welfare of the men who served in our country's armed services was well known to all. Among his successes in the field of agricultural policy was broadening of the Small Watershed Act during the period 1956–72. In subcommittee he took responsibility for conscientiously reviewing the details of hundreds of small and not especially glamorous watershed projects.

Special note should be taken of his efforts on behalf of the environment. Among these were his fight against oil pollution in the Santa Barbara Channel in 1970 and his success in persuading the House to kill the 1969 timber supply bill which threatened to permit excessive cutting in our national forests.

I sincerely regret his passing. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to a good friend and colleague. Hon. CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California, who for 19 years served his congressional district and the country as an outstanding Member of Congress.

The start of the New Year was saddened by the news that CHUCK TEAGUE had passed away in California on January 1. He had worked

hard and long during the preceding session, and with the recess had returned home to California for the holidays.

His death was quite unexpected, and he will be sorely missed by all of us who so admired him.

I well remember him from my days as a freshman Congressman from New York. I had been elected in a special election in February 1962, after the start of the second session of the 87th Congress, and was assigned to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. CHUCK was also a member of that committee, and although we were of different political persuasions, he was most helpful to me in my adjustment to congressional committee routines.

At the end of that Congress and with the onset of the 88th Congress, I was assigned to the House Agriculture Committee. Happily for me, CHUCK was also a member of that committee, and again gave unstintingly of his advice and counsel. To this day, I am indebted to him for his kindness and thoughtfulness.

My deepest sympathies go out to his children and grandchildren. I hope they can find solace in the fact that he will be affectionately remembered by all his colleagues, and very much missed.

Mr. SYMMS. Mr. Speaker, all of us were saddened by the death of a dear and highly respected colleague of ours, Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE, of California who died on January 1 of this year.

CHARLES TEAGUE had represented his district, his people, and our entire Nation both ably and well, since 1955. He was graduated from Stanford University in 1931 and from the Stanford University Law School in 1934. He practiced law for 20 years, specializing in business law before winning election to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the honor of serving alongside CHARLES TEAGUE on the House Agriculture Committee from the time I arrived in the House. I had ample opportunity to observe, and to appreciate, his grasp of a complex subject. He was a forceful and articulate champion in favor of relying on the tried and tested mechanisms of a free market—and he never ceased to believe that the American farmer, when given full freedom to engage in agriculture, could fully meet the challenges of production for a growing and hungry nation and world.

Now, Mr. Speaker, my good friend and colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, is gone. His record of a lifetime of service continues—and that record stands as an impressive and lasting tribute that will serve as a beacon for those of us new to the Congress who seek guidance in a troubled time. He earned the respect of all of us, and I know that I am joined by my colleagues in extending heartfelt sympathy to his family at this time of tragic loss.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the long and distinguished service of our late colleague CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

Each of us who had the good fortune to work closely with him knows that he was a man of honor and a man who always worked for a strong Nation. The citizens of the 13th District of California have lost a valued and highly respected voice in the House of Representatives, and our Nation has lost a very able leader.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a close personal friend of mine, and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his fine family. He will be deeply missed by the Members of this House.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, CHARLES TEAGUE was more than my colleague. He was, to me, a good friend. His warmth, his gentleness, his sense of humor, his ability to recall and to remember so many of the special memories and experiences we all cherish, shall be dearly missed in this Chamber.

The men and women of his district whom he served so ably and well, I am sure, well know of his commitment and his assistance over these many years. From individual questions, to advice on organizational proposals, to meetings on city and community needs, CHARLES TEAGUE was always responsive to the best interests of his constituents. And, the impact of his contributions on the citizens of this entire Nation, shall long endure.

There are no words, no matter how eloquent, which could possibly provide Mr. TEAGUE's friends and family with the comfort and inner peace they seek at this time.

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to pay a special tribute to a fine and distinguished Member of this Chamber, the late CHARLES TEAGUE.

I will always remember our colleague, CHUCK TEAGUE, as a warm, jovial, friendly individual who represented the 13th District of California for nearly 20 years.

Quickly achieving a reputation as a man who could get things done, CHUCK TEAGUE built a career on service to his constituents, all his constituents. When someone in his district needed aid or advice, CHUCK never asked if the person was a Republican or if he voted for CHARLES TEAGUE in the last election. Congressman TEAGUE was the greatest vote-getter in the history of Ventura County because he served his constituency with great dedication and purpose.

Although CHUCK did not seek the national spotlight while in office, he was the ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee and an important member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. CHUCK TEAGUE was a man of high principles and personal conviction. When the opportunity came for him to move into the new and lavish Rayburn Building he stayed in the older Longworth to show his opposition to what he considered ostentatious spending. He opposed congressional pay raises and was sharply critical of lengthy congressional vacations.

Perhaps one of the most difficult legislative positions for him to take was an anti-oil stand when the Santa Barbara oil spill occurred in 1969. His district was very much divided over the issue: The most vocal leaders in Santa Barbara were adamantly against more oil development, while many in Ventura pressed hard for the development. On November 17, 1969, TEAGUE testified before a congressional hearing in Santa Barbara against reopening the channel to drilling.

Those of us who have had the good fortune to serve with CHARLES TEAGUE for the past 20 years will sadly miss his fine sense of humor, his amiability, his resourcefulness, and his good memory for details about individuals.

Mrs. O'Neill joins me in extending our deepest condolences to CHARLES TEAGUE's family at this time.

Mr. GUBSER. Mr. Speaker, literally dozens of my colleagues have expressed their desire to participate in this tribute to CHUCK TEAGUE, but for a variety of reasons they were unable to be present. They have

furnished me with their statements which will become a part of this record and, in accordance with the usual custom of the House of Representatives, will be printed in a memorial book to the late CHARLES M. TEAGUE. That will probably be the last book published exclusively for CHUCK TEAGUE, but as the printing presses roll off that last copy it will not be the end of the things that he has left us, the principles that he has left us, and the heritage that has been left by CHUCK TEAGUE. This House is better because he lived; this Nation is better because he lived; and this world is better because CHUCK TEAGUE lived amongst us.

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, "knowledge of the human nature is the beginning and end of political education."

This must be true, because CHARLES TEAGUE had developed a unique wisdom during his political education. And it was a wisdom that understood human nature, simply understood people. CHUCK TEAGUE treated everyone the same, with politeness and a deference for their privacy, and always with his good humor as his tool.

In dealing with his colleagues, he used his homespun political education and practiced a method of dealing with his adversaries that is increasingly rare. He understood that a stance taken a step or two to one side of a clamoring confrontation was likely to lead to a better understanding than would a belly-bumping squabble. And in taking that stance, he was not caught up in having to prove he knew all the answers. He could poke fun at his adversary's argument, and at his own, and never lose sight of the purpose of his method. He simply tried to help himself and the rest of us figure things out.

CHUCK TEAGUE was quite a gentleman—an "old school gentleman" was probably the best description—and his assets will be missed. But, importantly, they can be emulated, and that is one of the highest tributes we can pay. We would do well to learn and practice the value of good humor as we approach difficult problems. Humor, along with the politeness and decency he practiced, are really the lubricants of civil relationships. Any man would do well to leave that message as his impact.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a popular Congressman, both here and in his district, but not in a rah-rah way, not in the "new politics" way, but respectfully regarded. And he knew it. But unlike so many of us, his colleagues, he never flaunted his confidence or self-regard. CHUCK

was ready for reelection, and in today's atmosphere, his decent attributes were a good example for Republicans to point at and share. CHUCK TEAGUE's contribution to the House was significant. Because CHUCK TEAGUE understood people, he will be missed, but not forgotten.

Mr. COTTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join with my colleagues in honoring the late CHARLES M. TEAGUE, who passed away from us so quickly.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a man of dedication and integrity. He had the courage of his convictions and was a leader. His work in the areas of veterans' affairs and agriculture will be long remembered, and his loyalty to his job as a public servant will be sorely missed by all the residents of the 13th Congressional District in California.

Although we will all miss CHUCK TEAGUE, I was grateful to have had the privilege of serving with him in the House of Representatives.

My heartfelt sympathies go out to his family at this sad time.

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow and a deep sense of loss that I learned of the death of my friend and colleague, Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE, during the recent Christmas recess. I had a close relationship with CHUCK TEAGUE since his office was a few doors down the hall from mine, and I feel this loss very personally.

As a Representative from an agricultural area, I also had many occasions over the years to observe CHUCK's effective work on the House Agriculture Committee. At the start of the 93d Congress, CHUCK became senior minority member on the Agriculture Committee and, during his short year as ranking Republican, he was instrumental in formulating the landmark farm bill of 1972.

More than just an able and responsible legislator, however, CHUCK TEAGUE was a real gentleman, a kind and sensitive man. He will be missed by his family and friends, of course. But the House of Representatives and the Nation as a whole must also mourn the loss of CHARLES M. TEAGUE, a statesman who served his district, his State, and his country faithfully and well.

Mr. DICKINSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to pay final tribute to a friend and colleague, the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, who has so well represented the people of the 13th District of California.

I am glad to have had the opportunity to know and work with CHUCK TEAGUE. He was a Member's Member. He performed his duties as a Congressman in a quiet, unassuming way. He did not shout or act for the TV cameras or grab for headlines. He was dedicated to his job and proved himself with deeds, not words.

At the time of his death, CHUCK TEAGUE was ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee and senior Republican on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. His was not a partisan service, however. He was respected by Members on both sides of the aisle because he always treated everyone with the same fair and gentle manner. I cannot remember when he ever had an unkind word for anyone.

Although he did not win all the battles, CHUCK TEAGUE was an extremely effective legislator, especially in the fields of agriculture and veterans' affairs. He was a genuine friend of the farmer, especially the small farmer, and of the veterans of our country. He was also a great sportsman and friend of the environment.

I really came to know CHUCK TEAGUE when we were investigating the conduct of Adam Clayton Powell. I saw then that CHUCK TEAGUE only wanted to "do what was right."

Working with CHUCK TEAGUE, I also came to know his gentle and sometimes quiet sense of humor, which was a delight to all his friends and colleagues.

With the passing of CHUCK TEAGUE, this country and the Congress lost a great leader. His constituents lost an effective voice in Washington. His wife, Marjorie, lost a devoted husband. His three children lost a father. I lost a friend.

I regret much his tragic passing and extend my sympathies to all those who knew him.

Mr. STEIGER of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the death of CHUCK TEAGUE came as a terrible shock. During his service here in the Congress, I came to have a deep respect and admiration for CHUCK TEAGUE's integrity and ability, and I am deeply saddened by his untimely passing.

His leadership as the ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, his guidance in the House on veterans' affairs, and his continuing battle regarding the Santa Barbara Channel on behalf

of his constituents—all shall remain as a tribute to his years of service to his country and district.

Mrs. Steiger joins me in expressing our condolences to his family.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the life and memory of CHARLES M. TEAGUE, the late Congressman from the State of California. The Members of the House have lost a great colleague, the constituents in his district have lost a great representative, farmers and veterans across the Nation have lost a great supporter, the country has lost a great American, and I have lost a good friend.

CHARLES TEAGUE served in the House for 19 years. As the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee and a senior Republican member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he will long be remembered for his many contributions to agriculture and veterans legislation.

He was an honest and honorable man who was highly respected and admired by his many friends. He was a man of firm convictions and of deep devotion for the welfare of our Nation, which always came first with him. His quiet and friendly manner leaves a void which will be impossible to fill.

CHARLES TEAGUE acquired a well-deserved reputation as a capable and responsible legislator. He was dedicated to his job and diligent in the performance of his duties. His wisdom and leadership will be sorely missed in this Chamber.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. ROONEY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with a special sadness that I add a few comments as we pause today to remember our departed colleague and my dear friend, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

I met him when I served with him on the Veterans' Affairs Committee when I first came to Congress and I was able to observe in his work there the quiet dedication to a job well done that was his trademark.

We can all admire the lasting legislative contributions he made in his 20 years in Congress, especially in the field of agriculture in which he worked effectively to maintain a free rather than a subsidized system. He managed to keep abreast of all the innovations in agriculture in recent years and I know his expertise will be sorely missed by the American farmer.

CHUCK TEAGUE's concern for his country was demonstrated by his support for legislation to protect the environment from human destruction and especially by his belief that the American people have the strength and creativity to successfully meet any challenge in the future.

We were all saddened by his passing and want his family to know that his dedication to the service of his country was greatly admired by those of us who were privileged to work with him.

Mr. DULSKI. Mr. Speaker, it was with sorrow that we began this session of Congress without our colleague, CHUCK TEAGUE. In the two decades he served, he was a familiar and highly respected Member of this body.

I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and on the Hospitals Subcommittee. His work was marked by a genuine interest in veterans' matters and sincere concern for their welfare. He was courteous and capable, always willing to listen to other viewpoints and to consider alternative approaches to finding solutions to problems.

CHARLES TEAGUE was a good man and an effective legislator. He served his constituents and his Nation well, and he will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Mr. ROBISON of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is always a difficult thing to lose a colleague, but each of us is especially moved—and saddened—when that loss involves one who has been a particular friend.

"CHUCK" TEAGUE, of California, was such a friend, to me. Though he and I were not "social" friends—in the accepted sense of that word—we were, I think in retrospect, much alike in personality and philosophy, out of which stemmed the ease with which we related, one to the other. Though I was from the far "East" and he from the "West," I tend to think our congressional districts and, hence, our concerns, were somewhat alike—even though our committee assignments took us in opposite directions.

Regardless of all that, Mr. Speaker, CHARLES M. TEAGUE was a working Member of this body, as we all know; one who gave his full measure of devotion, and then a bit more, to his responsibilities, both to his constituency and then to his country. He served both well—and faithfully—and his death represents a significant loss to us, all

On top of all his other, admirable qualities, he also had the saving grace, as it has been put, of a sense of humor without which—these days, at least—all of us would be lost; and for that, too, he will be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I was saddened at the death of this good and honorable man, and Mrs. Robison joins me in extending our sympathy and regrets to his daughters and grandchildren.

Mr. MATHIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sadness that I face this occasion, that of bidding farewell to a trusted friend and colleague. CHARLES TEAGUE was a friend whose accomplishments and life history have been eloquently outlined by other distinguished Members of the House who also hold him in esteemed friendship.

Allow me then to speak very briefly of CHARLES TEAGUE, the man. I always found him to be an outstanding advocate of the ideals and positions in which he believed, and he believed very deeply in this Nation and her people. I found him to be, at all times, Mr. Speaker, a true gentleman. Whenever you agreed or disagreed with CHARLES TEAGUE, you always knew that his actions and his tactics would be of the highest order. This is truly the mark of a man—and CHARLES TEAGUE was that kind of man.

Mrs. Mathis joins me in extending sympathy to the family.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my distinguished colleagues in this tribute to CHARLIE TEAGUE. He was an outstanding legislator, and more than that, he was a fine individual.

For 19 years he represented his southern California constituency with distinction. During that tenure, he came to be respected by his fellow Congressmen on both sides of the aisle.

CHARLIE's most widely publicized accomplishments pertained to his service on the Agriculture Committee, where he was the ranking Republican. In that capacity he played a significant role in shaping the Nation's farm policies. In addition to his yeomanlike work in finding solutions to the problems of rural America and rural Americans, Congressman TEAGUE played an important role on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He was particularly committed to giving our returning Vietnam era veterans a fair chance to succeed in the land they had served.

Mrs. Brotzman joins me in expressing our sympathy to CHARLIE's family for their loss which is a loss to us all.

Mr. VEYSEY. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the unexpected and untimely passing of Representative CHARLES TEAGUE was not only a great personal loss to me, but it was an especially severe loss to the country and most particularly, to the farmers of this country.

As ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee, CHUCK TEAGUE was one of the most effective and most conscientious spokesmen the agricultural community, and especially the family farmer, has ever had.

And still, while he spoke for all farmers and labored tirelessly for the institution of agriculture, his dedication to his district and to his constituents in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties was always his first concern.

During his 19 years in this House, CHUCK TEAGUE established himself as one of this body's most respected and hardest working Members. Those of us who were fortunate enough to serve with and work closely with CHUCK TEAGUE know well that his commitment to his job as a Congressman and to the principles of our democracy was a total commitment. He was an inspiration to me as I know he was to all who came to know him.

He was never too busy to take time for someone else's problems and to take a personal interest in resolving them. He envisioned his job as one of helping people.

CHUCK TEAGUE was truly the kind of man our forefathers had in mind when they framed the Constitution and created our representative form of Government. His death was a great loss to all of us.

Mr. SHRIVER. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep personal sadness that I join the California delegation in the House of Representatives and many other friends of CHUCK TEAGUE in expressing our admiration and respect for his great service to his constituency and the country. His very untimely passing leaves a void in this House at a period in which we need more such conscientious and accessible Members.

CHUCK was a popular Member of Congress. Each of us was aware of his dedicated service on the House Agriculture Committee, where he fought to free our farmers and agribusiness community from the unproductive Federal controls and subsidies. He deeply believed that

a free market system for agriculture would in the end provide its own natural controls, a view which I share.

He also served with distinction as the second ranking Republican on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where his concern for others was clearly evident in the drafting of veterans legislation.

But most of all, we will remember CHUCK TEAGUE in a personal way—his quiet sense of humor, his decency, his friendliness. The low-calorie "Teague Special" served at the Capitol Hill Club has been instrumental and will continue to be helpful to many Members and staff in combating the "battle of the bulge."

We will miss him. Mrs. Shriver joins me in offering our heartfelt condolences to his family and his constituents, who were served so well by him for many years.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Speaker, when word came to me at my home in Florida that our distinguished California colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE, had passed away, I was shocked and deeply grieved. Although we came from the opposite corners of our Nation and from different political faiths, we were close friends who worked together in harmony to solve problems which were mutual to us and our constituencies. We both represented citrus producing districts. Sometimes we shared common problems. On other occasions we assisted each other in seeking a solution to a problem which was unique to the industry in one of our respective States.

CHUCK and I chose to accept dual committee assignments. In addition to his fine service on the Committee on Agriculture, he accepted assignment on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, so that the veterans of his great State would be represented there. I had also accepted assignment to this important committee because of the large veterans population of Florida. We worked together for 19 years to resolve the problems of our veterans, their dependents, and their survivors. The veterans of our Nation had dedicated service from the gentleman from California. They, too, have lost a great friend.

CHARLES TEAGUE was one of the finest men I have been privileged to know. I shall miss him very much. He was a very effective legislator. The House of Representatives has lost one of its ablest Members. The State of California has lost a noble son and a distinguished

public servant. Mrs. Haley joins me in extending to his family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. DOMINICK V. DANIELS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my own sorrow at the passing of our good friend, the late Congressman CHARLES TEAGUE, of California. CHUCK TEAGUE was one of the quiet Members of this House whose memory will remain green with those who appreciated his quiet, good sense and his spirit of constructive criticism. I know how he loved the southern California countryside where he was born and maintained his residence until his untimely passing, and how much he would have enjoyed going back to the lemon groves of the Golden State. Almighty God had other plans for His servant and He has called him home to the finer land beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy to CHUCK's three children, Norma, Alan, and Judith. When the shock and sorrow wears off they will be sustained by the fact that their father left them and their children a great heritage.

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the gentleman from California (Mr. Gubser) and others in expressing the heartfelt loss every one of us feels at the recent death of CHUCK TEAGUE.

As a man and as a legislator, CHUCK TEAGUE was among the very best. His accomplishments in the House will stand as standards by which the rest of us will be judged.

CHUCK has had a profound impact on this body. Others have pointed specifically to his impact on agricultural legislation, but in truth his influence went well beyond even so basic a subject and touched nearly every issue that came before the House during his tenure.

In many ways, Congressman TEAGUE was unparalleled in his contributions to the American people. He was an accomplished and compassionate man. Every Member of the House from California looked to CHUCK for leadership on the issues that affected our State.

On a personal note, it is difficult for me to express the grief I felt during the holiday season learning of CHUCK's unexpected passing which was a tragedy in the truest sense.

CHARLES TEAGUE was faithful to his responsibilities and diligent in pursuing his goals. I consider it a great privilege to have known him and I shall miss him.

Mr. ROONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing on the first day of this new year of Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE of California came as a great shock and loss to all of us here in this House who knew him, respected him and counted him among our friends. His public service, experience, courage, his gentle wit and character will be greatly missed by his district, his State and his country.

It was my great honor and pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to have served in this Chamber with CHUCK TEAGUE for almost two decades. During that time I found him to be a man completely dedicated to working diligently for legislation he considered proper while keeping as his prime interest what was best for his country.

His dedication to the improvement of American agriculture was near legend here in the House. He worked long and diligently as the ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee for the improvement of the living standard of the American farmer.

CHARLIE's service to this Nation was on many levels, Mr. Speaker. During the Second World War he served as a major in the Army Air Corps. After the war he resumed practice of the law in his hometown of Santa Paula and became involved in community affairs, serving as president of the Ventura Rotary Club, the Ventura County Community Chest and the Ojai Valley School Board of Trustees. He was also president of the Ventura County Republican Assembly when he was elected to the Congress in 1954. He was reelected to the nine succeeding Congresses and had planned to run for reelection again this year.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the memory of CHARLIE TEAGUE will be cherished by all those who knew him and that my sense of personal loss is shared by many both in this Chamber and out.

To his son and daughters and his grandchildren I extend the Rooneys' deepest sympathy and prayers in their great loss.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened and shocked to learn of the death of my good friend, and colleague, CHUCK TEAGUE.

During his 20 years in Congress, CHUCK was a hardworking and dedicated Member, especially interested in agriculture matters which made him a strong spokesman for the American farmer. As the senior Republican Member on the House Agriculture Committee, CHUCK was instrumental in introducing legislation that not only benefited

the farmer but also the consumer. He was also a strong supporter in efforts to improve the rights of veterans.

He was wholeheartedly responsive to the needs of our Nation and of his district. He had all the qualities and talents that are essential to the makeup of an effective legislator, and he handled the demanding responsibilities of his congressional assignments with intelligence and insight. He had the unique talent of being able to put his finger on the core of a problem and marshaling the forces essential to getting the job done when the going was tough.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost the services of a respected and dedicated colleague, one who had acquired many, many friends through his long years in Congress. We will remember CHUCK as an extremely warm and understanding friend. The country has lost a man of great stature, we have lost a good friend and a good human being.

Mr. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, the recent passing of our distinguished friend and colleague CHUCK TEAGUE of California came as a great shock to all of us.

It was my distinct pleasure and privilege to serve with Congressman TEAGUE during the last 7 years. As ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, CHUCK TEAGUE served this Congress, his people, and the entire American farming community well.

He was an able and effective legislator and a good man. He will be missed by all of us, particularly those of us who had the privilege of working closely with him in committee.

Mrs. Rarick joins with me and the people of the Sixth District of Louisiana in extending our sympathy to his many friends and family.

Mr. COLLIER. Mr. Speaker, like so many of my colleagues, I was saddened recently to learn of the sudden death of our recently departed colleague from California.

CHARLES M. TEAGUE had already been a Member of this great body for 2 years when I began my service 17 years ago. In a short time I became well acquainted with him as did most Members, because he was friendly by nature. As our friendship continued, I learned to respect him, for he was a man who possessed many great qualities. In the years that followed, I developed a great admiration for him, because he used his excellent training and broad experi-

ence for the betterment of his fellow men and the advancement of his community, State, and Nation.

We are all the poorer for his passing, but let us derive consolation from the fact that we were privileged to know him and to work closely with him while we were colleagues in the House. Let us also be comforted by the knowledge that his congressional career will be an example worthy of imitation by those who will come after him.

Mr. LANDGREBE. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring our former colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE. For 20 years, Congressman TEAGUE served his country and his colleagues in Washington. He was a man who served his constituents in the 13th District in California in the best manner he saw fit.

As the ranking minority member of the Agriculture Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he committed himself to bettering the living standards of those he served.

Our sorrow is compounded because our country needs more outstanding men like CHUCK TEAGUE during these difficult times. I join with his friends in extending personal sympathies to the family of our late colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE.

Mr. VIGORITO. Mr. Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to have been a member of the House Agriculture Committee for the past 9 years with Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

During those years, Congressman TEAGUE helped put together many significant pieces of legislation in the area of agriculture and rural life in general as a Republican member of the committee and in recent years as the ranking minority member.

I will most remember Congressman TEAGUE as a fair and knowledgeable man who respected the opinions and views of his colleagues.

He and I shared a common belief in sparing our environment from further abuses and in stopping the indiscriminate waste of our natural resources.

His 19 years in the House of Representatives were spent in working hard for his constituents back home in California and also in promoting a better way of life throughout our country especially for the farmer and rural worker.

I will miss Congressman TEAGUE as I sit in future Agriculture Committee meetings and I am sure other Members of the House feel the same way.

Mr. EDWARDS of California. Mr. Speaker, I am particularly saddened by the passing of Congressman CHARLES M. TEAGUE for I have lost not only a respected and admired colleague, but also a long-time personal friend.

I had known CHUCK since the mid-1930's. He was a classmate of my late brother, Thomas E. Edwards, at Stanford University and we shared many interests. During our student days, we spent many an hour in friendly competition on the university golf course and played together in the California State golf championship.

Our youthful association was renewed when we became colleagues in this House, once again sharing friendly, competitive recreational interests. Our friendship was also continued as we worked together as members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee. CHUCK, second ranking minority member of the committee, was deeply concerned about and interested in veterans' problems. He devoted a great deal of time to the careful study and analysis of all veterans' legislation, making sure that these bills served the needs and problems of ex-GI's.

Although I am much less familiar with the details, I know that CHUCK's service as a member of the Agriculture Committee was characterized by the same dedication and hard work. He was widely known and respected for his efforts to protect and represent the interests not only of California but of all American farmers, while promoting a free enterprise, competitive farm system that did not need to rely on artificial Government support.

His legislative expertise and knowledge will be greatly missed by veterans, farmers, and his colleagues, and I will miss a most genial and personable friend. I extend my deepest sympathy to his children.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague, Representative CHARLES TEAGUE of California, leaves the Members of this House with a great sense of loss and the Nation no longer able to call upon the dedicated service he provided for so many years.

Representative TEAGUE was best known for his efforts on behalf of the American farmer, and his legislative rating from the National Farmers' Union grew to a high mark over the years. He also held the No. 3 Republican position on the Veterans' Affairs Committee which, in the 93d Congress, first session, lost its No. 2 Republican, Representative John B. Saylor of Pennsylvania.

Representative TEAGUE was a man of the highest integrity, a fact which enabled him to weather the years of political change in California. Originally, he was elected from a traditionally Democratic area of Ventura County, which had large numbers of Mexican Americans. In the 1960's, a population shift gave him a comfortable margin of victory and over the years he had little trouble winning reelection. His most serious opposition came in 1970 when a young man who was active in the Presidential campaign of Eugene McCarthy challenged him. This campaign challenge only served to reduce Mr. TEAGUE's winning percentage from 66 to 59 percent and he still won by 40,000 votes. In 1972, Mr. TEAGUE captured 73 percent of the vote.

Respected by his colleagues for his conservative convictions and his personal sense of honor and duty, the House leadership chose Representative TEAGUE to be a member of the special House Judiciary Subcommittee that investigated the actions of Representative Adam Clayton Powell in 1966. His work on that case led Representative TEAGUE to call for a permanent House Ethics Committee, which was later established.

It is a sign of the vitality of our democratic system that men such as CHARLES TEAGUE offer themselves for public office and are selected by the voters to serve in that capacity. In an age when Americans are becoming increasingly suspect of the ethics and moral standards of their Representatives, and of other public officials, the life and career of CHARLES TEAGUE provides testimony to the fact that honorable men still seek public office and are able to succeed in their tasks.

Mrs. Crane joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to members of the family in their loss. It was an honor to serve in this body with CHARLES TEAGUE, and I know that we will all miss him and feel the loss of his counsel and friendship.

Mr. SEBELIUS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I join the Members of the House of Representatives in mourning the passing of my friend and colleague, Mr. CHARLES TEAGUE of California.

CHUCK TEAGUE was known in the House of Representatives as a stalwart, hard-working, soft-spoken man who served his Nation and his State. During his 20 years in Congress, CHUCK TEAGUE earned

important positions on both the Agriculture and the Veterans' Affairs Committees. He served them ably. It was a great privilege to have had the opportunity to serve with him on the Agriculture Committee and work under his guidance as ranking minority member. As a dedicated worker for the American farmer and the free enterprise system, CHUCK TEAGUE's influence and ideas will be an inspiration to all of us. His death leaves a void in the House of Representatives, but his record of accomplishment will serve as his memorial. His life truly exemplified public service.

I join with his other friends and Members of the House of Representatives in extending my deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the death of our distinguished colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE. CHARLIE TEAGUE's long and dedicated career can be capsulated in these words: "service to the people." This he did with excellence, with honor, and integrity. He will be remembered for his diligent work as the ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee. In this position he was always alert to protect the free market from unnecessary governmental intrusions. As a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, he consistently worked for increased benefits for our returning fighting men. Always a strong proponent of conservation and environmental programs, he was very influential in obtaining a ban on offshore oil drilling platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel. These are just a few examples of how he served his district and his country.

CHARLIE TEAGUE died on the dawn of the New Year. Let us go forth to meet the challenge this year with the same determination and vigor that our dear friend would have. The 13th District of California will surely miss the leadership of this great Representative, and we will miss his companionship here in the House.

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, CHARLES TEAGUE, who was taken from us on January 1, 1974.

As we all know, "CHUCK" TEAGUE gave his constituents 19 years of distinguished and dedicated service. A gentleman—and a gentle man—CHUCK had the courage of his convictions. His distinguished service on the House Agriculture Committee was productive for all our citizens and we in California, who are so heavily dependent on

our agricultural base, are particularly indebted to CHUCK for his leadership in this area.

Our Nation's veterans also owe him a debt of gratitude. For nearly two decades he worked untiringly for increased benefits for these men and women who gave so much to their Nation. He fought particularly hard for increased housing benefits under the GI bill.

And CHUCK helped to see to it that he left our earth with a more wholesome environment. He helped us improve Interior Department regulations on off shore drilling so that our California beaches would retain their exquisite beauty.

But the human side to CHUCK perhaps outweighs all other considerations and underscores his success in the House of Representatives. A member of my staff recently related an ancedote to me about CHUCK's patience and good naturedness. CHUCK had come over to the Rayburn Building for some occasion or another. As he alighted from the elevator, he was confronted by two different groups trying to find two different locations. Willing to help, and with his pipe clinched between his teeth, he went to the maps we find necessary in the Rayburn and found the proper place they were supposed to be and directed them to it.

CHUCK was also my friend and partner on the paddle-ball court where he was a regular participant. In this nonpolitical, nonpartisan setting where we had the opportunity to know each other as friends and not competing politicians, his character and personality were always a delight and an inspiration to all of us. We will miss him.

Without doubt, his children and grandchildren—and his constituents—will also miss this unselfish and attentive human being. I extend my deepest sympathy to his son and daughters and his eight grandchildren.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. Speaker, even those of us who were denied the privilege of serving with him in the Congress over a period of years, greatly feel the loss and mourn the death of our colleague, CHARLES M. TEAGUE. His sudden passing leaves a void which will be very difficult to fill.

It was my privilege to serve with him and benefit from his counsel on the Veterans' Affairs Committee during the past year. Prior to that, I had gained a great respect for his wisdom and leadership when, as a farmer, I had the opportunity to note his tireless work in

behalf of the American farmer on the House Agriculture Committee where he was the ranking minority member.

A quiet, dedicated worker in behalf of the free enterprise system and the high principles he espoused, his diligence and integrity will long be an inspiration and a high example to those with whom he labored as well as to those with whom he came in contact, however briefly.

Mrs. GRASSO. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE has taken from this body a warm, witty, and respected public servant.

I had the privilege of serving with CHUCK on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, on which he was a senior Republican member. For the 3 years we served together, I came to know and appreciate his devotion to the well-being of the American veteran."TEAGUE of California" was undoubtedly one of the best informed Members in the field of veterans affairs. As a veteran of World War II, he had first-hand knowledge of the hardships and personal sacrifices which our veterans have faced, and diligently worked for the best possible benefits for the veterans of all wars. CHUCK made sure that partisan political considerations had no role in determining the welfare of our veterans. Over the years, he became recognized as a leader in the fields of GI education and training, housing rights for veterans, and benefits for veterans with service-connected disabilities. His steadfast work on behalf of those who had given of themselves in the defense of our country and its principles earned him the respect and admiration of America's veterans.

The fact that the citizens of California's 13th Congressional District sent him to Washington 10 times, to serve for a total of 19 years, attests to his continued dedication to his constituents.

I wish to convey my deep sympathy to the family of CHARLES TEAGUE and to his constituents. We will all miss this fine individual and dedicated Congressman.

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here in the House of Representatives in expressing my deep sorrow at the death of our friend, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

I first met CHUCK TEAGUE when I arrived in Washington 11 years ago. I found him to be an able and dedicated representative of the people of Ventura County, Calif. CHUCK and I worked together over

many issues of importance to our home State of California. As a member of both the Agriculture and Veterans' committees, CHUCK demonstrated again and again his concern over the well-being of all Americans. His integrity and dedication were beyond question.

The loss of CHARLES TEAGUE leaves a void in this chamber which will not easily be filled. I will miss him not only as a respected colleague, but also as a personal friend.

Mrs. Hanna joins me in extending our sympathy to the Teague family.

Mrs. MINK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing sincere tribute to the late CHARLES M. TEAGUE, my distinguished colleague from California.

It is with personal sadness that I make these remarks. "CHUCK" TEAGUE exemplified the virtues of honesty, integrity, and devotion to principle that are the distinctive hallmarks of true public service.

He was a credit to the U.S. Congress, and was much liked and respected by every Member of this body. As a member of the House Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Agriculture, he was an industrious and capable lawmaker. He contributed heavily to the deliberations and handiwork of the legislative branch. His contributions are found through numerous statutes enacted over his 10 terms of service.

"CHUCK" TEAGUE, as a personable and welcome friend, will long be remembered by those of us who were privileged to know him, I express my deep sympathy to his family, and know that Congressman TEAGUE leaves a great store of trust and affection among his colleagues.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, for almost 20 years it was my privilege to serve in the Congress with one of the most conscientious and dedicated legislators I have ever known—our late colleague from California, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

In addition to a warm friendship, CHUCK and I shared many mutual interests. We were both deeply concerned about the welfare of American agriculture. In his assignment as ranking minority member on the House Committee on Agriculture, I sought his wise counsel frequently on matters relating to our farm population and farm programs which would assure Americans a plentiful supply of food and fiber at reasonable costs.

We also shared a mutual interest in veterans legislation. CHUCK was likewise a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and really took the welfare of our Nation's veterans and their dependents to heart.

The people of California's 13th District—indeed, the people of the country—were well served by CHARLES M. TEAGUE in Washington. His only interest was the public interest. He was candid and forthright in all that he did, and he set high standards not only for himself but for his country as well.

We shall miss CHUCK TEAGUE in these halls, but we can look back with pride at his outstanding legislative record and fine accomplishments of the past two decades.

He was a public servant in the truest sense of the word.

Mr. CHAPPELL. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of knowing Congressman CHARLES TEAGUE during the time I have been in the Congress. He was one of the most fair-minded men I have ever known.

CHARLIE TEAGUE will especially live on in our hearts as a man genuinely interested in doing what he considered best for the country. Mr. Speaker, we will miss him here in the Congress, but his contribution to our country will last on and on.

Mr. THONE. Mr. Speaker, as the ranking Republican on the Committee on Agriculture, Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE was my mentor, teacher, and counselor. He was very interested in helping junior members. He was considerate and courteous to me.

Few individuals are as knowledgeable concerning agriculture as was CHARLES TEAGUE. His intellect and his studiousness helped make the Committee on Agriculture stronger and improved the quality of legislation it produced.

Above all, CHARLES TEAGUE was dedicated to the system of free enterprise. He was a strong force in shaping recent farm policy and legislation which has caused American farmers to prosper from free sales in the marketplace rather than being dependent for a dole from the Federal Government.

The loss of CHARLES TEAGUE is a blow especially to those who worked with him in Congress but it is also a deprivation for agriculture and for the Nation.

Mr. JONES of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the memory of Representative CHARLES M. TEAGUE, of the 13th District of California.

CHARLIE was ranking minority member of the House Agriculture Committee, of which I am also a member, and served that body well. Although I did not always agree with him. I respected his judgments on different issues, Congressman TEAGUE was elected to Congress for the first time in 1954 and had represented the people of California's 13th District in that body for almost 20 years, and served them well.

I respected and admired CHARLES TEAGUE, as did everyone who knew him, and I join with my colleagues today in expressing sympathy to his children in this time of grief.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in paying tribute to our late friend, Congressman TEAGUE of California. I was deeply saddened by his death last month, as I knew we all were. CHUCK TEAGUE was a good friend of mine and a respected colleague. A warm, humble man, he was extremely dedicated to serving his district and our Nation. In those matters on which I had the pleasure of working with him he proved to be an able legislator and a man of sound judgment. For almost 20 years he carried his responsibility as a public servant with dignity and distinction.

My wife, Audrey, and I would like to extend our condolences to CHUCK's three children.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of CHARLES M. TEAGUE has meant a great loss to the House of Representatives and to the citizens of California's 13th District, which he represented so ably for 19 years.

CHUCK TEAGUE was a valued colleague whose dedication to the highest ideals of public service are unquestioned. He served his constituents wisely and sincerely, basing his decisions not only on what was best for his district, but best for our country.

We will miss CHUCK's counsel, especially in dealing with the problems of agriculture and veterans' affairs, which he knew well. His voice for keeping a free enterprise system of agriculture rather than one of subsidization did much to form the base for farm legislation. His influence was most significant in securing deserved benefits for veterans.

CHUCK TEAGUE's leadership and knowledge were of great benefit to us all.

Today I join my colleagues in paying tribute to a respected public servant and expressing deepest sympathy to his son and daughters.

Mr. REES. Mr. Speaker, I was very saddened over the death of our good friend, CHARLES M. TEAGUE.

I have known CHUCK TEAGUE and his family for many years. His ranch in Ojai brought back the romance of old California traditions. His life as a diligent lawyer and a faithful representative in government for 19 years has set an example well worth following.

He was always a considerate friend to me here in Congress, and I looked to him for advice, especially on the agricultural bills which so often seem incomprehensible to those of us from the cities.

My deepest sympathy to Congressman TEAGUE's family.

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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *January 21, 1974.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Hackney, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. CHARLES M. TEAGUE, late a Representative from the State of California, and transmitted the resolution of the House thereon, which reads as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 773

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, on behalf of the distinguished Senators from California (Mr. Cranston and Mr. Tunney), I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution.

The legislative clerk read the resolution as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 232

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable CHARLES M. TEAGUE, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and unanimously agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late CHARLES M. TEAGUE, a Representative from the State of California, and pursuant to the previous order I now move that the Senate stand in adjournment until the hour of 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and at 5:40 p.m. the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 22, 1974, at 10:30 a.m.

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